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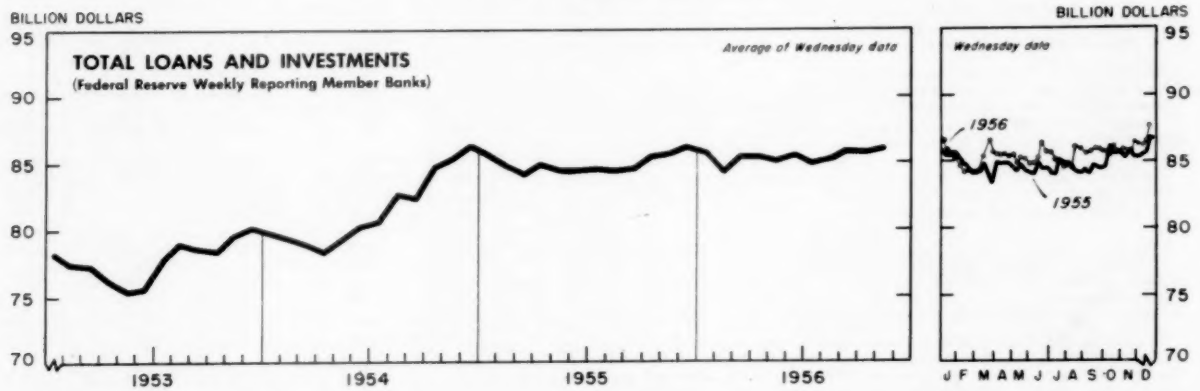

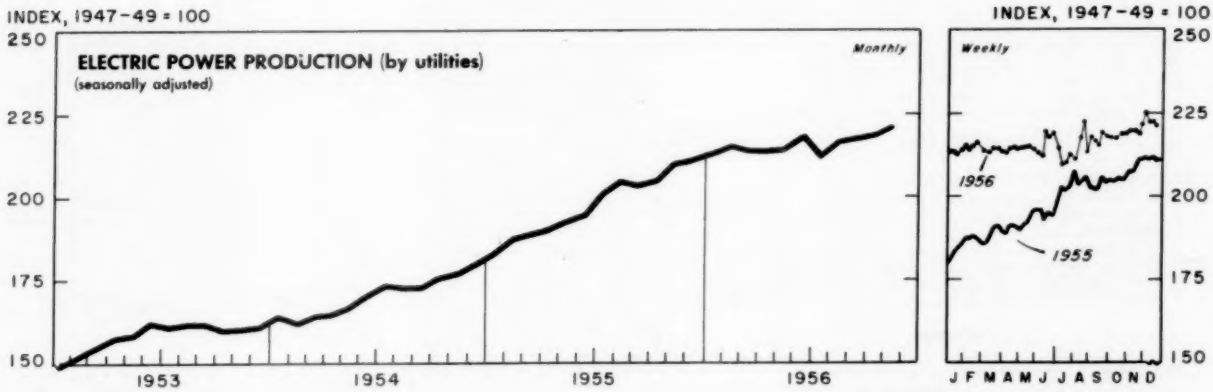

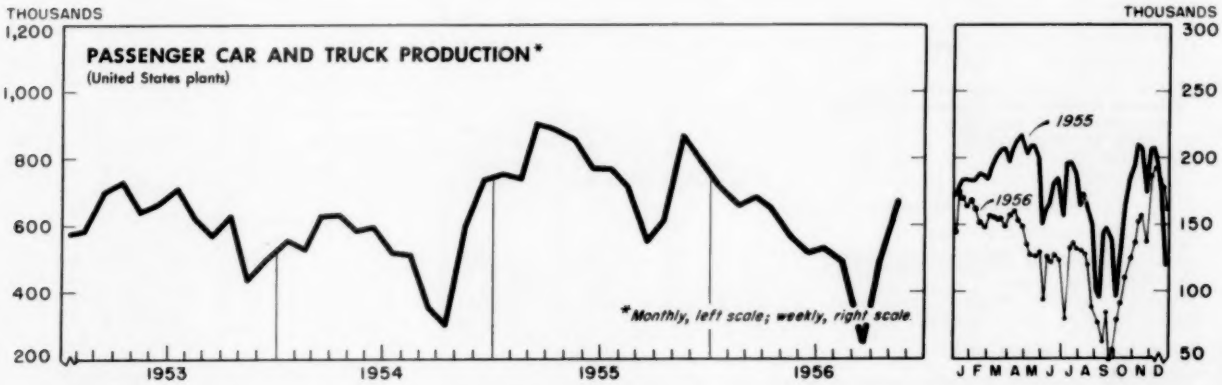

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Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	27,101	27,420	26,165	26,633	27,223	27,842
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Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	58,739	58,882	56,745	58,266	58,137	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,636	21,661	21,780	21,871	21,914	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	86,846	86,736	86,171	86,473	87,674	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	30,260	30,122	25,820	25,884	26,541	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do...	26,627	26,673	30,480	30,811	31,253	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,158	8,147	8,848	8,856	8,866	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	181	174	270	249	214	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.35	3.34	3.96	3.97	4.00	4.02
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Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,614	10,751	12,047	12,220	12,227	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	169,984	118,727	191,667	182,548	177,117	p111,189
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,992	6,987	7,353	7,355	7,376	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,338	2,309	2,493	2,522	2,525	2,322
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#96.9	#95.7	101.3	102.4	102.6	94.3
Freight carloadings, total 6/.....thous. of cars..	667	575	738	717	698	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	341	298	377	367	354	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning December 31, 1956: Production, 2,509 thous. short tons; operating rate, 98.0 percent (based on higher annual capacity as of January 1, 1957 of 133,459,150 short tons). 6/ Data for 1956 adjusted to revised classification of class I railroads. * Monthly index for December 1955. ** Wednesday price. # Not comparable with 1956 rates which are based on higher capacity. p/ Preliminary.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

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DOMESTIC TRADE						
Printers' ink advertising index, adjusted:						
Combined index.....1947-49=100..	181	190	214	200	201	.....
Business papers.....do....	186	165	182	195	192	.....
Magazines.....do....	140	158	160	155	153	.....
Newspapers.....do....	186	200	207	194	211	.....
Outdoor.....do....	153	158	155	160	147	.....
Radio (network).....do....	38	38	42	37	40	.....
Television (network).....1950-52=100..	300	312	447	379	356	.....
EMPLOYMENT						
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	4.1	3.3	3.8	4.1	r4.0	p2.9
Separation rate, total.....do....	3.5	3.1	3.9	4.4	r3.5	p3.3
Discharge.....do....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	p.3
Lay-off.....do....	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	r1.3	p1.5
Quit.....do....	1.8	1.4	2.2	2.6	1.7	p1.3
Military and miscellaneous.....do....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	p.2
FINANCE						
Life Insurance Agency Management Association:						
Insurance written (new paid-for insurance):						
Value, estimated total.....mil. of dol..	3,679	4,570	4,544	4,140	4,792	4,742
Group and wholesale.....do....	581	1,340	1,160	981	963	863
Industrial.....do....	546	525	526	525	549	512
Ordinary.....do....	2,552	2,705	2,858	2,634	3,280	3,367
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	49,201	45,592	55,582	53,368	55,165	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	21,526	19,257	22,256	22,747	25,111	.....
Mail, ton-miles flown.....do....	7,015	7,009	7,408	7,018	7,892	.....
Passengers carried, revenue.....do....	3,081	2,705	3,392	3,301	3,421	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	1,674	1,453	2,007	1,902	1,879	.....

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CORRECTION for cotton statistics shown in December 28, 1956 issue: Footnote 1/ should read "Data for September and November 1956 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks." Average spindle hours operated per working day (all fibers) for November 1956 should read 478 million hours.

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TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS - Continued						
Telephone carriers:						
Operating revenues.....thous. of dol..	*475,538	**467,757	519,153	503,100	.....	.....
Station revenues.....do....	*265,605	**267,576	289,298	290,175	.....	.....
Tolls, message.....do....	*170,757	**160,757	184,899	167,680	.....	.....
Operating expenses, before taxes.....do....	*318,788	**309,829	345,077	328,318	.....	.....
Net operating income.....do....	*64,084	**64,401	71,485	71,627	.....	.....
Phones in service, end of month.....thousands..	*47,652	**47,952	51,097	51,392	.....	.....
Telegraph, cable, and radiotelegraph carriers:						
Wire-telegraph:						
Operating revenues.....thous. of dol..	19,074	18,665	20,544	19,565	21,839	.....
Operating expenses, including depreciation.....do....	16,470	16,365	18,542	17,550	18,372	.....
Net operating revenues.....do....	1,872	1,592	1,114	1,354	2,676	.....
Ocean-cable:						
Operating revenues.....do....	2,831	2,724	2,826	2,760	2,952	.....
Operating expenses, including depreciation.....do....	1,983	2,030	2,143	2,106	2,164	.....
Net operating revenues.....do....	578	448	440	408	520	.....
Radiotelegraph:						
Operating revenues.....do....	2,985	2,973	2,307	3,044	3,407	.....
Operating expenses, including depreciation.....do....	2,311	2,428	2,484	2,384	2,519	.....
Net operating revenues.....do....	572	473	705	580	823	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Wines and distilling materials:						
Effervescent wines:						
Production.....thous. of wine gal..	106	160	220	168	205	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	191	247	137	200	276	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	1,458	1,346	1,801	1,751	1,648	.....
Still wines:						
Production.....do....	r72,595	43,340	2,531	30,528	71,849	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	r13,352	13,369	10,290	12,688	14,615	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	r184,102	214,698	125,296	144,102	202,848	.....
Distilling materials produced at wineries.....do....	r150,174	93,598	8,067	76,378	142,607	.....
Dairy products, production:						
Butter, creamery (factory).....thous. of lb..	96,725	92,832	110,200	93,125	r92,960	90,605
Cheese (factory), total.....do....	91,475	85,447	116,970	102,445	98,010	90,700
Condensed milk (sweetened), case goods.....do....	3,909	3,838	6,640	5,520	5,670	6,370
Evaporated milk (unsweetened), case goods.....do....	164,805	143,260	232,600	189,100	164,200	146,500
Dry milk:						
Dry whole milk.....do....	8,667	8,663	9,150	8,000	7,350	6,400
Nonfat dry milk solids (human food).....do....	81,470	81,083	98,000	79,500	79,800	83,300
Grains:						
Corn grindings, wet process.....thous. of bu..	12,502	11,590	12,694	11,473	13,050	11,819
Receipts, principal markets:						
Corn.....do....	40,062	51,592	17,663	16,527	46,379	47,353
Oats.....do....	5,185	6,349	22,108	8,508	4,737	4,052
Rye.....do....	1,384	1,674	2,780	1,074	1,118	680
Wheat.....do....	31,802	24,768	64,697	39,257	31,241	28,212
Rice, California:						
Receipts, domestic, rough.....thous. of lb..	136,489	66,097	90,993	132,302	173,326	99,461
Shipments from mills, milled rice.....do....	27,053	24,959	56,065	94,494	79,243	73,695
Stocks, rough and cleaned (cleaned basis), end of month.....do....	81,284	95,868	75,444	64,750	94,041	85,123
Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb..	2,120.6	2,253.7	1,882.7	1,831.7	2,282.0	2,256.3
Beef and veal.....do....	999.5	970.3	1,026.0	931.1	1,128.4	1,041.7
Lamb and mutton.....do....	55.2	52.9	55.2	51.0	63.5	52.2
Pork, including lard.....do....	1,065.8	1,230.5	801.5	849.6	1,090.1	1,162.5
Lard.....do....	190.1	235.3	150.3	154.2	199.6	218.9
Coffee, visible supply, United States.....thous. of bags..	528	564	891	1,063	1,030	1,111
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins..	890	836	668	586	738	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips..	2,203	2,237	2,224	1,970	2,275	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	2,187	2,243	2,033	r1,706	2,234	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,222	2,382	2,578	2,140	2,202	.....
Shoes and slippers, production, total.....thous. of pairs..	48,197	42,921	54,647	44,569	51,065	46,039
Shoes, sandals, and play shoes, exc.athletic, total...do....	40,628	36,162	46,469	37,189	42,183	38,407
Men's.....do....	9,246	7,905	9,819	8,169	9,515	8,697
Youths' and boys'.....do....	1,586	1,331	1,968	1,622	1,715	1,435
Women's.....do....	21,472	19,142	25,600	19,731	21,950	19,805
Misses' and children's.....do....	5,358	5,060	6,130	5,029	5,910	5,473
Infants' and babies'.....do....	2,966	2,724	2,952	2,638	3,093	2,997
Slippers for housewear.....do....	7,068	6,274	7,252	6,660	8,072	6,772
Athletic.....do....	375	370	528	476	534	557
Other footwear.....do....	126	115	398	244	276	303
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Iron ore (Lake Superior district):						
Consumption by furnaces.....thous. of long tons..	7,850	7,488	1/6,858	7,217	7,556	.....
Stocks, end of month, total.....do....	49,523	51,040	35,475	41,213	47,483	.....
At furnaces.....do....	42,167	43,718	31,901	37,376	43,235	.....
On Lake Erie docks.....do....	7,356	7,323	3,574	3,837	4,248	.....
Pig iron, production.....thous. of short tons..	6,965	6,699	5,142	6,933	7,316	7,036

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Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:						
Electric processing.....thous. of dol..	1,532	1,543	3,263	1,410	2,131	1,587
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	7,061	4,131	2,988	1,007	5,447	1,767
Machine tools (metal-cutting types):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	99.15	124.25	87.50	78.45	r66.10	p63.75
Domestic.....do....	92.70	117.75	78.25	68.80	r57.55	p58.20
Shipments, total.....do....	60.40	63.35	75.10	71.10	r89.75	p81.30
Domestic.....do....	53.60	56.70	69.00	65.40	r79.85	p73.40
Estimated backlog.....months..	6.1	6.7	7.7	7.7	7.2	p6.8
PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING						
Wood pulp:						
Production, total, all grades.....thous. of short tons..	1,874	1,801	1,908	r1,729	1,940	.....
Dissolving and special alpha.....do....	88	84	78	77	80	.....
Sulfate.....do....	1,006	983	1,057	951	1,071	.....
Sulfite.....do....	233	213	224	r198	238	.....
Groundwood.....do....	244	237	265	243	263	.....
Defibrated or exploded.....do....	117	108	107	95	100	.....
Soda, semichem., screenings, damaged, etc.....do....	187	176	178	r165	188	.....
Stocks, end of month, total, all mills.....do....	770	772	873	r885	909	.....
Pulp mills.....do....	157	152	200	196	199	.....
Paper and board mills.....do....	515	518	578	r584	604	.....
Nonpaper mills.....do....	98	102	102	105	106	.....
All paper and board mills, production:						
Paper and board, total.....do....	r2,683	2,599	2,724	r2,466	2,745	.....
Paper.....do....	1,154	1,105	1,205	1,108	1,226	.....
Paperboard.....do....	r1,238	1,222	1,231	r1,103	1,248	.....
Wet-machine board.....do....	13	13	13	12	13	.....
Construction paper and board.....do....	278	260	273	243	257	.....
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	54,995	52,769	46,700	44,179	r52,188	42,777
Stocks, end of month.....do....	110,795	103,774	99,668	98,069	r94,508	105,770
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do....	89,060	91,281	86,468	90,602	88,158	83,514
Consumption.....do....	80,389	81,661	72,537	69,205	r82,023	71,958
Stocks, end of month.....do....	134,753	133,664	192,486	200,793	r197,788	199,464
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS						
Glass containers:						
Production.....thous. of gross..	12,384	10,735	13,290	10,032	13,435	11,934
Shipments, domestic, total.....do....	11,300	9,920	15,759	10,331	14,515	10,009
Narrow-neck food.....do....	1,355	936	2,236	1,890	1,708	853
Wide-mouth food.....do....	3,291	2,973	5,138	2,893	4,154	3,083
Beverage.....do....	411	471	683	395	993	510
Beer bottles.....do....	597	589	1,262	604	847	528
Liquor and wine.....do....	1,492	1,352	1,342	1,172	1,874	1,530
Medicinal and toilet.....do....	2,902	2,516	3,483	2,309	3,476	2,469
Chemical, household and industrial.....do....	1,012	846	1,312	834	1,157	825
Dairy products.....do....	240	237	303	234	306	211
Stocks, end of month.....do....	13,719	14,123	13,685	13,162	11,741	13,384

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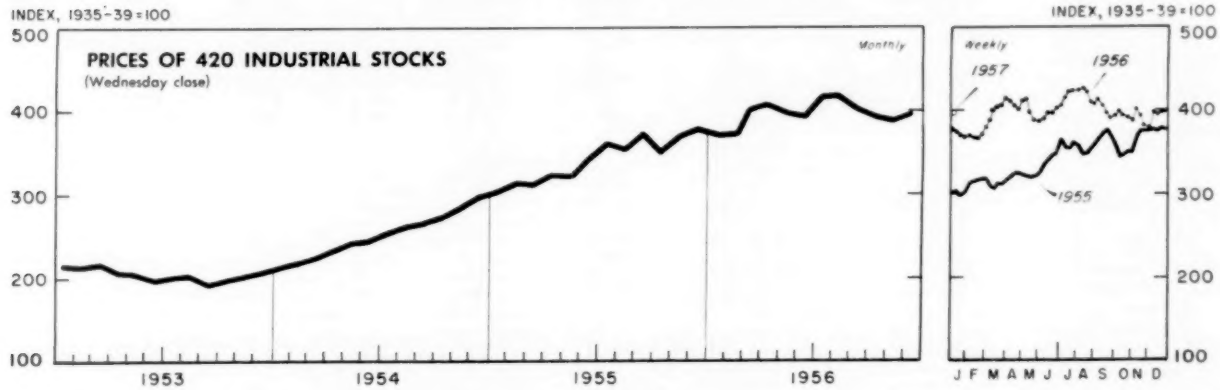

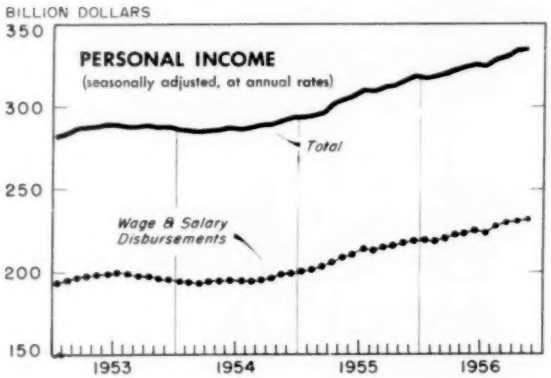

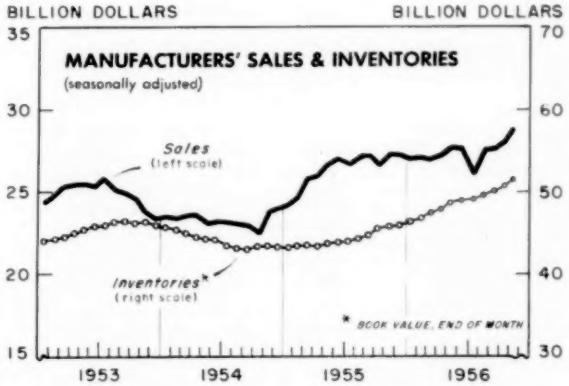

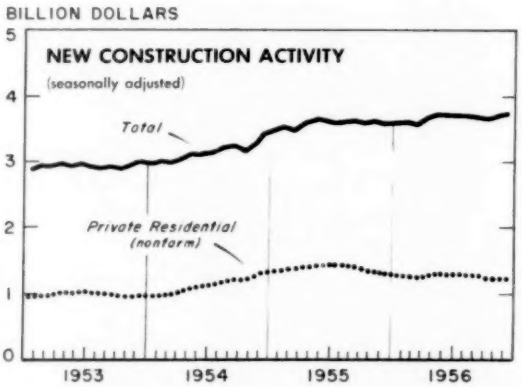

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Freight carloadings, total 6/.....thous. of cars..	570	611	717	698	488	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	297	316	367	354	268	.....

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955		1956			
	October	November	August	September	October	November
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source, seasonally adj., at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	311.6	314.5	328.1	329.5	r332.5	333.6
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	215.3	217.2	227.1	228.5	r229.7	230.7
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	93.3	94.2	98.3	99.1	r100.6	101.2
Distributive industries.....do....	56.7	57.3	60.3	60.5	r60.2	60.4
Service industries.....do....	28.9	29.3	30.6	30.8	r30.9	31.1
Government.....do....	36.4	36.4	37.9	38.1	r38.0	38.0
Other labor income.....do....	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	49.1	49.6	51.0	50.9	r52.3	52.0
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	27.9	28.1	29.8	30.0	30.2	30.4
Transfer payments.....do....	17.4	17.7	18.8	18.7	18.9	19.1
Less personal contributions for social insurance...do....	5.3	5.3	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	296.9	299.4	312.8	314.4	r316.3	317.7
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,830	27,292	27,861	27,713	r30,200	28,913
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,656	13,723	13,428	13,351	r14,953	14,621
Primary metal.....do....	2,369	2,390	1,927	2,321	r2,603	2,479
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,548	1,381	1,547	1,513	r1,666	1,500
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,577	3,473	3,845	3,997	r4,292	4,039
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	3,087	3,633	2,875	2,481	r3,049	3,755
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,188	1,133	1,261	1,210	r1,198	1,052
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	738	668	802	728	r860	723
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,174	13,569	14,433	14,362	r15,247	14,292
Food and beverage.....do....	4,352	4,084	4,353	4,536	r4,663	4,388
Tobacco.....do....	320	334	376	329	r366	353
Textile.....do....	1,246	1,221	1,176	1,212	r1,345	1,217
Paper.....do....	921	886	907	872	r983	891
Chemical.....do....	2,040	1,919	2,074	2,079	r2,193	2,004
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,362	2,454	2,572	2,470	r2,591	2,655
Rubber.....do....	483	443	449	425	.....	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	26,637	27,343	27,632	27,624	r28,294	28,808
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,261	13,721	13,665	13,692	r14,199	14,446
Primary metal.....do....	2,324	2,393	1,982	2,392	r2,529	2,511
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,382	1,395	1,446	1,427	r1,461	1,530

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ITEM	1955		1956			
	October	November	August	September	October	November
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' sales, value (adjusted) - Continued						
Durable-goods industries - Continued						
Machinery (including electrical).....mil. of dol..	3,472	3,553	4,022	3,945	r4,115	4,165
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	3,252	3,576	3,165	3,035	r3,181	3,431
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,131	1,144	1,212	1,186	r1,079	1,063
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	665	655	723	668	r717	709
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,376	13,622	13,967	13,932	r14,095	14,362
Food and beverage.....do....	4,104	4,047	4,251	4,378	r4,311	4,354
Tobacco.....do....	327	327	345	323	r342	350
Textile.....do....	1,112	1,197	1,109	1,122	r1,140	1,193
Paper.....do....	877	886	898	863	r936	891
Chemical.....do....	1,939	2,014	2,094	2,031	r2,081	2,106
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,339	2,479	2,572	2,520	r2,565	2,682
Rubber.....do....	447	482	436	429	.....	.....
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	44,959	45,317	49,130	49,662	r50,404	50,931
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	25,377	25,670	28,006	28,423	r29,098	29,433
Primary metal.....do....	3,512	3,600	3,835	3,975	r4,133	4,267
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,617	2,649	2,864	2,871	r2,886	2,900
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,093	8,232	9,580	9,677	r9,802	10,000
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).do....	6,346	6,388	6,600	6,898	r7,331	7,375
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,806	1,806	1,841	1,786	1,784	1,720
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	900	901	1,028	988	r978	1,005
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.1	7.1	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.2
Goods in process.....do....	r10.4	10.6	11.5	11.9	12.2	12.2
Finished goods.....do....	7.8	8.0	8.6	8.6	r8.8	9.0
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	19,582	19,647	21,124	21,239	r21,306	21,498
Food and beverage.....do....	4,656	4,661	4,694	4,821	r4,892	5,032
Tobacco.....do....	1,777	1,797	1,763	1,801	r1,830	1,861
Textile.....do....	2,349	2,377	2,606	2,573	r2,559	2,547
Paper.....do....	1,028	1,031	1,217	1,215	r1,207	1,224
Chemical.....do....	3,101	3,142	3,546	3,571	r3,636	3,670
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,880	2,823	3,096	3,164	r3,196	3,183
Rubber.....do....	848	888	947	957	.....	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	r8.0	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	r8.6	8.5	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.8
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	45,356	45,669	49,535	50,106	r50,815	51,292
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	25,659	26,050	28,178	28,708	r29,408	29,857
Primary metal.....do....	3,426	3,491	3,809	3,892	r4,037	4,145
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,726	2,759	2,893	2,960	r3,006	3,021
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,240	8,397	9,684	9,814	r9,979	10,200
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).do....	6,331	6,475	6,639	6,946	r7,308	7,468
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,843	1,843	1,823	1,804	r1,820	1,755
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	947	948	1,049	1,019	r1,029	1,058
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.0	6.9	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.1
Goods in process.....do....	10.5	10.8	11.6	11.9	12.2	12.5
Finished goods.....do....	8.2	8.3	8.7	8.9	r9.2	9.3
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	19,697	19,619	21,357	21,398	r21,407	21,435
Food and beverage.....do....	4,497	4,450	4,698	4,713	r4,696	4,786
Tobacco.....do....	1,759	1,779	1,876	1,838	r1,812	1,842
Textile.....do....	2,397	2,426	2,632	2,599	r2,611	2,599
Paper.....do....	1,049	1,041	1,255	1,227	r1,232	1,236
Chemical.....do....	3,190	3,157	3,618	3,714	r3,740	3,687
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,824	2,768	3,065	3,133	r3,133	3,120
Rubber.....do....	902	935	1,007	1,007	.....	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.0	8.1	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	8.7	8.4	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	28,213	27,726	29,240	28,134	r29,646	29,205
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,061	14,026	14,973	13,818	r14,247	14,885
Primary metal.....do....	2,302	2,613	2,322	2,039	r2,401	2,527
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,540	1,412	1,481	1,639	r1,583	1,359
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,882	3,682	4,045	4,080	r4,393	3,991
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles)...do....	3,434	3,726	4,050	3,156	r2,774	4,281
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,152	13,700	14,267	14,316	r15,399	14,320
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	27,466	28,315	29,099	28,072	r28,871	29,597
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,094	14,680	15,166	14,266	r14,591	15,324
Primary metal.....do....	2,373	2,751	2,322	2,192	r2,475	2,660
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,540	1,569	1,346	1,576	r1,583	1,510
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,929	4,006	4,195	4,200	r4,445	4,349
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles)...do....	3,434	3,653	4,402	3,394	r3,082	3,964
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,372	13,635	13,933	13,806	r14,280	14,273
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total....do....	53,340	53,774	61,787	62,227	r61,654	61,946
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	50,054	50,357	59,063	59,549	r58,824	59,088
Primary metal.....do....	6,619	6,842	7,981	7,699	r7,497	7,545
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,934	3,965	4,459	4,585	r4,502	4,361
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	15,504	15,713	19,001	19,084	r19,185	19,137
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles)...do....	19,484	19,577	22,811	23,486	r23,211	23,737
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,286	3,417	2,724	2,678	r2,830	2,858

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ITEM	1955		1956			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	224	222	236	234	234	237
Crops.....do....	224	226	234	232	239	240
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	231	217	178	203	264	277
Cotton.....do....	274	264	275	270	270	262
Feed grains and hay.....do....	164	170	196	178	182	185
Food grains.....do....	220	221	222	225	232	234
Fruit.....do....	194	208	233	232	218	216
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	228	232	234	249	262	264
Potatoes 1/.....do....	140	143	161	141	154	158
Tobacco.....do....	438	455	455	453	443	461
Livestock and products.....do....	224	219	238	236	230	234
Dairy products.....do....	267	266	264	272	277	275
Meat animals.....do....	214	201	254	245	231	239
Poultry and eggs.....do....	194	204	172	167	164	165
Wool.....do....	223	217	231	238	249	256
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	259	259	266	265	267	267
Family living items.....do....	273	273	279	279	281	282
Production items.....do....	244	243	252	250	252	251
All commod.,services,int.,taxes, and wage rates....do....	279	278	287	287	289	289
Parity ratio.....do....	80	80	82	82	81	82
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S.Dept.of Commerce index)..1935-39=100..	208.2	208.1	213.1	213.4	213.9	.....
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total 2/.....mil. of dol..	3,702	3,258	r4,264	r4,133	r3,800	3,370
Private, total.....do....	2,663	2,435	r2,843	r2,766	r2,666	2,472
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,419	1,279	r1,415	r1,365	r1,313	1,202
New dwelling units.....do....	1,280	1,160	r1,240	r1,195	r1,145	1,060
Additions and alterations.....do....	107	88	r135	r129	r126	102
Nonresidential building, total 3/.....do....	715	679	788	793	794	768
Industrial.....do....	224	223	276	274	271	270
Commercial.....do....	297	270	288	287	288	272
Farm construction.....do....	111	98	148	122	103	90
Public utility.....do....	407	369	480	474	445	402
Public, total.....do....	1,039	823	r1,421	r1,367	r1,134	898
Nonresidential building.....do....	321	286	r382	r373	r338	311
Military facilities.....do....	116	97	r144	r140	r118	108
Highway.....do....	405	263	615	r575	r420	250
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total 2/.....do....	3,601	3,580	r3,701	r3,665	r3,699	3,729
Private, total.....do....	2,551	2,519	r2,596	r2,551	r2,551	2,542
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,342	1,322	r1,286	r1,241	r1,239	1,239
Nonresidential building, total 3/.....do....	678	665	750	752	755	748
Farm construction.....do....	131	131	123	122	121	120
Public utility.....do....	389	389	425	423	424	423
Public, total.....do....	1,050	1,061	r1,105	r1,114	r1,148	1,187
Nonresidential building.....do....	337	321	r348	r350	r357	350
Highway.....do....	403	432	r390	r390	r417	455
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	126.5	126.6	132.5	132.5	132.6	.....

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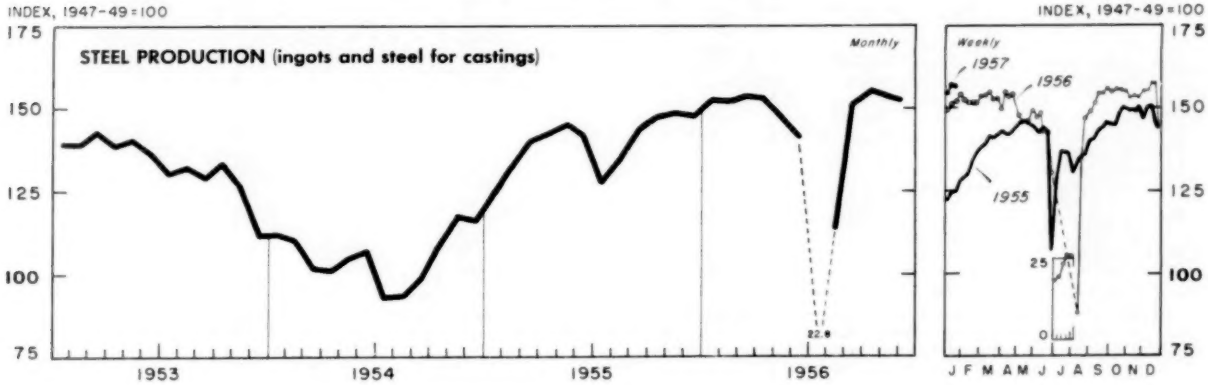

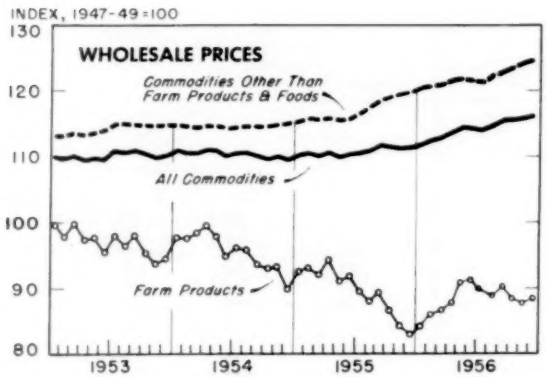

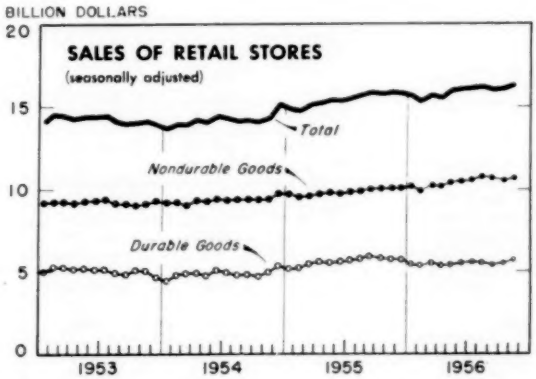

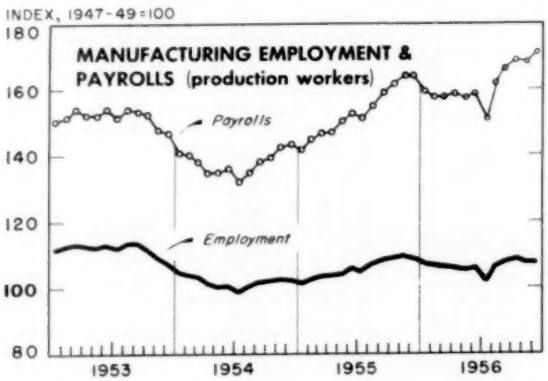

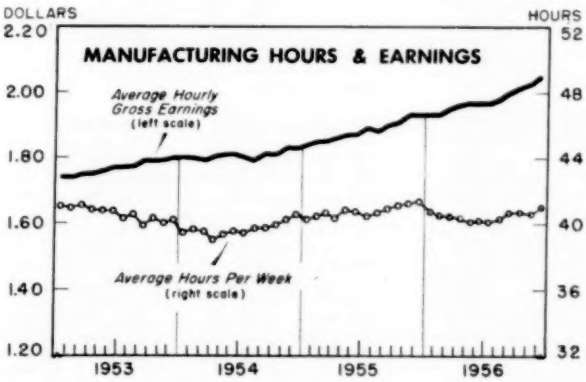

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956				1957	
	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Dec. 22	Dec. 29	Jan. 5	Jan. 12
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*111.9	.....	.....	116.3	116.4
Farm products.....do....	.....	*84.1	.....	.....	88.5	88.3
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*98.3	.....	.....	103.7	103.5
All other.....do....	.....	*120.4	.....	.....	124.6	124.7
22 commodities 2/.....do....	90.2	89.8	92.3	**92.6	**92.5	92.0
Department store sales.....do....	94	104	265	112	94	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,575	1,578	1,292	1,564	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,441	1,441	1,186	1,450	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	31,153	30,914	31,835	31,992	31,829	31,479
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	26,936	26,375	27,223	27,842	27,524	26,809
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,464	19,453	19,535	19,790	19,856	19,701
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	601	728	578	711	761	753
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	58,384	58,421	58,148	58,214	57,677	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,639	21,583	21,956	22,086	22,077	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	86,513	85,710	87,704	87,925	87,639	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	29,957	29,686	26,578	26,654	26,774	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	26,673	26,396	31,266	31,313	31,135	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,135	8,127	8,865	8,852	8,842	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	198	245	214	174	222	256
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.33	3.32	4.00	4.02	4.06	4.06
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand.& Poor's) 4/..1935-39=100..	326.7	323.8	339.9	340.9	339.9	339.7
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	376.9	372.8	398.0	399.3	397.3	395.6
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,854	1,773	1,863	1,020	1,492	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,057	11,594	12,227	11,196	11,671	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	144,348	174,742	177,735	112,082	102,217	166,226
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,026	7,014	7,376	7,392	7,417	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,403	2,428	2,525	2,322	2,490	2,519
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#97.6	#98.6	#102.6	#94.3	97.3	98.4
Freight carloadings, total 2/.....thous. of cars..	611	710	698	488	562	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	316	364	354	268	299	.....

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955		1956			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Farm income and marketings:						
Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol..	3,248	2,772	3,148	3,927	p3,338	.....
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do....	3,227	2,743	3,111	3,755	p3,248	.....
Crops.....do....	1,821	1,485	1,726	2,131	p1,781	.....
Livestock and products, total.....do....	1,406	1,258	1,385	1,624	p1,467	.....
Dairy products.....do....	322	350	355	363	p342	.....
Meat animals.....do....	744	584	746	945	p806	.....
Poultry and eggs.....do....	323	307	268	296	p301	.....
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	132	113	128	154	p133	.....
Crops.....do....	169	138	160	198	p166	.....
Livestock and products.....do....	103	92	102	119	p108	.....
Indexes of volume of farm marketings, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....do....	157	132	144	177	p158	.....
Crops.....do....	182	141	168	208	p179	.....
Livestock and products.....do....	139	125	126	153	p142	.....
COMMODITY PRICES						
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	111.2	111.3	115.5	115.6	115.9	116.2
Economic sector:						
Crude materials for further processing.....do....	89.9	89.9	96.7	95.0	94.9	96.2
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components...do....	119.1	119.4	123.0	123.6	r123.8	124.2
Finished goods 1/.....do....	111.6	111.5	115.3	115.6	r116.2	116.0
Farm products.....do....	84.1	82.9	90.1	88.4	87.9	88.6
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do....	102.6	95.6	95.3	97.6	104.3	102.6
Grains.....do....	79.8	82.7	90.7	84.0	87.9	88.8
Livestock and live poultry.....do....	62.2	59.3	75.7	73.0	68.6	71.7
Foods, processed.....do....	98.8	98.2	104.0	103.6	103.6	103.1
Cereal and bakery products.....do....	115.1	115.2	114.6	115.3	115.8	115.4
Dairy products and ice cream.....do....	105.9	107.2	109.7	110.9	113.6	112.5
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do....	107.7	107.9	106.8	106.4	r106.4	105.9
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	77.8	75.3	89.3	85.7	82.7	81.4

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ITEM	1955		1956			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
WHOLESALE PRICES - Continued						
Wholesale price index - Continued						
Commodities other than farm products and foods, 1947-49=100..	119.4	119.8	123.1	123.6	124.2	124.6
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	106.6	106.6	107.1	107.7	108.2	108.3
Chemicals, industrial.....do....	119.3	119.4	121.9	122.6	122.5	122.4
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do....	108.6	109.3	111.1	111.7	r111.2	113.1
Petroleum and products.....do....	115.0	115.6	118.4	118.3	117.5	120.9
Furniture, other household durables.....do....	117.2	117.3	119.7	121.0	r121.1	121.4
Appliances, household.....do....	106.3	105.8	105.5	106.5	r106.5	106.5
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	96.4	96.7	100.2	99.7	99.8	99.4
Lumber and wood products.....do....	125.0	125.1	123.6	122.0	121.5	120.9
Lumber.....do....	126.4	126.4	125.2	123.6	123.1	122.4
Machinery and motive products.....do....	132.5	133.0	139.7	141.1	r143.4	143.5
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	131.4	132.1	142.0	143.2	r145.2	145.3
Motor vehicles.....do....	126.5	126.7	129.4	130.8	r134.2	134.3
Metals and metal products.....do....	142.9	143.9	151.9	152.2	r152.1	152.4
Iron and steel.....do....	146.0	147.2	161.5	161.1	r162.5	163.3
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do....	125.2	125.4	131.1	131.5	r131.2	131.3
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	123.2	123.6	127.9	128.1	127.8	127.9
Paper.....do....	131.7	132.6	138.9	139.1	139.2	139.2
Rubber and products.....do....	150.6	151.0	145.7	145.8	146.9	147.9
Textile products and apparel.....do....	95.6	95.6	94.8	95.3	95.4	95.6
Apparel.....do....	99.0	99.1	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	121.7	121.7	122.8	123.1	123.5	123.6
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, privately and publicly owned.....thousands..	89.2	76.2	r93.9	93.0	80.0	64.0
Privately owned, total.....do....	88.4	73.5	r90.7	90.8	79.6	63.6
In metropolitan areas.....do....	64.0	53.6	60.8	62.5	54.1	44.9
Publicly owned.....do....	.8	2.7	r3.2	2.2	.4	.4
Seasonally adjusted at annual rate:						
Privately owned, total.....do....	1,179.0	1,192.0	r1,008.0	1,050.0	1,060.0	1,030.0
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total 1/.....mil. of dol..	15,894	19,268	15,730	16,282	r16,639	19,451
Durable-goods stores:						
Automotive group.....do....	3,039	3,118	2,676	2,830	r2,907	3,084
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	927	1,163	860	956	r1,003	1,191
Nondurable-goods stores:						
Apparel group.....do....	988	1,598	981	1,034	r1,095	1,690
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	432	590	465	480	r470	632
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,126	1,182	1,240	1,227	r1,158	1,190
Food group.....do....	3,648	4,168	3,896	3,881	r4,024	4,198
Gasoline service stations.....do....	1,085	1,104	1,181	1,180	r1,184	1,178
General-merchandise group.....do....	1,956	3,010	1,699	1,808	r2,030	3,041
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....do....	24,780	22,440	23,530	r24,000	24,750	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	10,930	10,410	10,030	r9,920	10,420	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	13,850	12,030	13,500	r14,080	14,330	.....
Adjusted, total.....do....	23,590	23,900	23,430	r23,320	23,480	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	11,000	11,230	10,260	r10,090	10,400	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,590	12,670	13,170	r13,230	13,080	.....
Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:						
Unadjusted.....do....	2,994	4,029	3,009	3,114	3,337	.....
Adjusted.....do....	2,898	2,916	3,058	3,029	3,132	.....
Department store sales, United States total:						
Unadjusted index.....1947-49=100..	148	212	131	r128	r158	p225
Adjusted index.....do....	122	123	129	122	r131	p130
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	10,600	10,180	10,430	r11,690	11,190	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	3,530	3,410	3,560	r3,950	3,690	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	7,070	6,770	6,870	r7,740	7,500	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	12,620	12,290	13,110	13,500	13,600	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	6,060	6,080	6,600	6,630	6,550	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,560	6,210	6,510	6,870	7,050	.....
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census):						
Civilian labor force.....thousands..	67,206	66,592	68,069	68,082	67,732	67,029
Employed.....do....	64,807	64,165	66,071	66,174	65,269	64,550
Agricultural employment.....do....	6,920	5,884	7,388	7,173	6,192	5,110
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	57,887	58,282	58,683	59,000	59,076	59,440
Unemployed.....do....	2,398	2,427	1,998	1,909	2,463	2,479
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Department of Labor).....do....	51,262	51,996	52,261	r52,455	r52,472	p53,048
Manufacturing.....do....	17,052	17,027	17,121	17,222	r17,160	p17,134
Mining.....do....	783	783	818	r812	809	p809
Contract construction.....do....	2,921	2,756	3,340	r3,301	r3,193	p3,000
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	4,139	4,161	4,179	r4,177	r4,171	p4,178
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	11,213	11,849	11,164	11,288	r11,478	p12,058
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,238	2,243	2,321	r2,312	r2,314	p2,313
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	5,883	5,853	6,105	r6,045	r6,011	p5,972
Government.....do....	7,033	7,324	7,213	r7,298	r7,336	p7,584

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	November	December	September	October	November	December
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Continued						
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Total.....thousands..	13,487	13,451	13,335	r13,439	r13,368	p13,329
Durable-goods industries.....do....	7,829	7,838	7,583	r7,751	r7,813	p7,807
Ordnance and accessories.....do....	89	87	82	r82	r83	p83
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	685	654	681	r664	r630	p604
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	327	325	321	322	r318	p316
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	480	474	478	r484	r478	p474
Primary metal industries.....do....	1,133	1,141	1,126	1,132	r1,134	p1,136
Fabricated metal products 1/.....do....	932	928	885	911	r913	p910
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	1,225	1,250	1,262	r1,264	r1,279	p1,293
Electrical machinery.....do....	866	868	891	r914	r920	p913
Transportation equipment.....do....	1,446	1,471	1,205	1,319	r1,406	p1,442
Instruments and related products.....do....	230	231	235	r237	r237	p236
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	5,658	5,613	5,752	r5,688	r5,555	p5,522
Food and kindred products.....do....	1,139	1,079	1,312	r1,226	r1,126	p1,076
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	104	101	113	r110	r100	p98
Textile-mill products.....do....	998	1,000	949	952	r948	p946
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1,120	1,122	1,079	r1,091	r1,090	p1,089
Paper and allied products.....do....	466	465	470	r468	r467	p470
Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do....	547	545	557	r564	564	p571
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	555	556	553	r554	r553	p552
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	172	171	176	175	174	p173
Rubber products.....do....	228	231	215	r220	r206	p218
Leather and leather products.....do....	330	346	329	r328	r328	p330
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	109.0	108.7	107.8	108.7	r108.1	p107.8
Adjusted.....do....	108.2	108.3	105.7	r107.1	r107.2	p107.3
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	163.8	163.7	165.8	r168.7	r168.3	p171.1
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing..hours..	41.2	41.3	40.7	40.7	40.6	p41.0
Durable-goods industries.....do....	41.8	42.0	41.4	41.5	r41.2	p41.9
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	40.3	40.4	39.8	39.8	r39.6	p39.8
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	79.52	79.71	81.40	82.21	82.42	p84.05
Durable-goods industries.....do....	85.69	86.52	88.60	89.23	r88.99	p91.34
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	70.12	70.30	72.44	72.83	r73.26	p74.03
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	1.93	1.93	2.00	2.02	2.03	p2.05
Durable-goods industries.....do....	2.05	2.06	2.14	2.15	2.16	p2.18
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	1.74	1.74	1.82	1.83	1.85	p1.86
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	37,114	38,648	40,074	40,196	40,631	.....
Installment credit, total.....do....	28,269	29,020	30,707	30,811	31,024	.....
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,271	3,785	2,981	3,382	3,387	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	2,970	3,034	2,918	3,278	3,174	.....
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,355	3,315	3,160	3,370	3,461	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	2,961	2,918	3,087	3,183	3,161	.....
ELECTRIC POWER						
Electric power, production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	54,854	57,986	55,649	58,445	57,820	.....
Electric utilities.....do....	47,785	50,815	48,819	51,129	50,645	.....
Industrial establishments.....do....	7,070	7,171	6,830	7,316	7,175	.....

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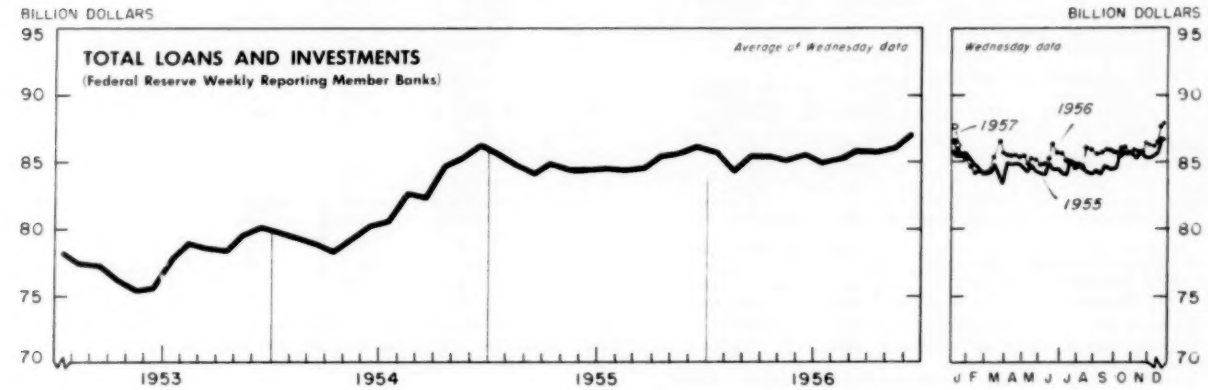

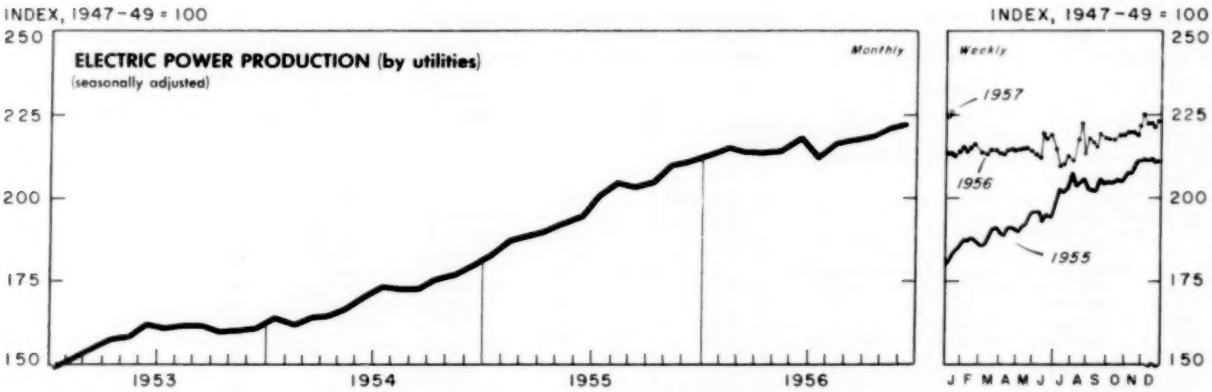

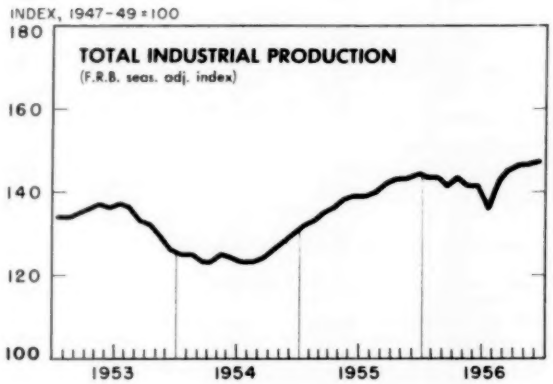

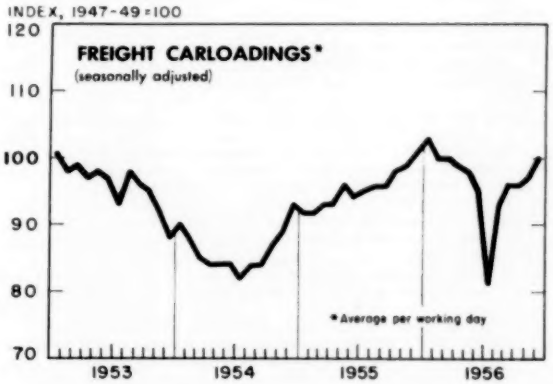

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956			1957		
	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Dec. 29	Jan. 5	Jan. 12	Jan. 19
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*111.9	.....	116.3	116.3	116.6
Farm products.....do....	.....	*84.1	.....	88.5	88.2	89.0
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*98.3	.....	103.7	103.5	104.1
All other.....do....	.....	*120.4	.....	124.6	124.7	124.9
22 commodities 2/.....do....	89.8	88.3	**92.6	**92.5	92.0	92.3
Department store sales.....do....	104	98	112	93	107	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,578	1,613	1,564	1,828	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,441	1,473	1,450	1,702	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,914	30,632	31,992	31,829	31,479	31,108
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	26,375	25,872	27,842	27,524	26,809	25,954
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,453	19,136	19,790	19,856	19,701	19,300
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	728	593	711	761	739	525
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	58,421	58,572	58,214	57,629	57,770	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,583	21,544	22,086	22,088	22,204	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,710	85,467	87,925	87,634	86,198	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	29,686	29,509	26,654	26,774	26,272	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	26,426	26,322	31,313	31,137	30,759	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,127	8,150	8,852	8,839	8,822	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	245	269	174	222	256	278
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.32	3.30	4.02	4.06	4.06	4.05
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand.& Poor's) 4/..1935-39=100..	323.8	321.3	340.9	339.9	339.7	334.0
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	372.8	369.7	399.3	397.3	395.5	388.1
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,773	1,757	1,020	1,483	1,727	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,594	11,521	11,196	11,671	12,327	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	174,742	169,289	112,082	102,217	167,451	169,128
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,014	7,045	7,392	7,417	7,396	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,428	2,437	2,322	2,490	2,519	2,467
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#98.6	#99.0	#94.3	97.3	98.4	96.4
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	710	699	488	562	681	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	364	359	268	299	349	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning January 21, 1957: Production, 2,496 thous. short tons; operating rate, 97.5 percent. * Monthly index for January 1956. ** Wednesday price. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955		1956			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	145	142	146	150	r147	p144
Manufactures.....do....	148	143	147	152	r149	p146
Durable manufactures.....do....	163	161	162	r168	r167	p166
Primary metals.....do....	149	147	145	149	r147	p146
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	174	173	172	r180	r181	p181
Fabricated metal products.....do....	139	137	143	145	r138	p137
Machinery.....do....	164	164	176	181	r177	p175
Transportation equipment.....do....	216	214	r180	r202	r219	p223
Instruments and related products.....do....	159	161	172	174	r174	p174
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	128	128	125	127	r122	p125
Lumber and products.....do....	124	113	133	130	r117	p108
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	157	153	157	165	r160	p157
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	152	149	150	r154	150	p146
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	132	125	r134	r137	r132	p126
Printing and publishing.....do....	135	130	r139	r145	144	.....
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	140	141	145	140	r141	p144
Minerals.....do....	127	127	132	r132	131	p128
Coal.....do....	87	91	91	93	90	p83
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	147	151	147	r147	r150	p155
Adjusted, combined index.....do....	143	144	145	146	r146	p147
Manufactures.....do....	145	146	147	r148	r147	p148
Durable manufactures.....do....	161	161	164	164	r165	p166
Primary metals.....do....	149	150	148	147	r147	p149
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	172	172	176	177	180	p181
Fabricated metal products.....do....	139	138	142	142	r138	p138
Machinery.....do....	r163	r164	176	r175	176	p175
Transportation equipment.....do....	212	212	198	r203	r216	p219
Instruments and related products.....do....	158	159	172	r172	r172	p173
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	123	123	124	122	r117	p120
Lumber and products.....do....	124	126	126	122	120	p120
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	156	154	154	157	r159	p159
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	145	146	146	146	143	p143

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ITEM	1955		1956			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production (FRB) - Continued						
Adjusted index - Continued						
Manufactures - Continued						
Nondurable manufactures.....1947-49=100..	130	130	129	r131	r129	p131
Printing and publishing.....do....	130	128	r138	r141	139	.....
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	139	141	143	139	140	p144
Minerals.....do....	125	129	128	r128	130	p130
Coal.....do....	80	87	87	85	83	p80
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	147	151	147	r147	r150	p155
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do....	159	148	113	r128	r140	p139
Major consumer durables.....do....	177	165	111	133	r152	p151
Autos.....do....	212	193	59	105	164	p177
Major household goods.....do....	150	142	159	159	142	p131
Other consumer durables.....do....	117	111	118	r118	r114	p110
Adjusted index, total.....do....	151	r150	129	r125	r132	p137
Major consumer durables.....do....	167	r165	135	130	r141	p148
Autos.....do....	196	187	119	117	148	p162
Major household goods.....do....	143	r148	151	143	136	p136
Other consumer durables.....do....	114	114	115	r112	r112	p113
Business incorporations:						
New incorporations (48 States).....number..	10,157	11,539	9,583	11,546	9,749	10,788
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....do....	945	908	932	1,158	999	982
Commercial service.....do....	70	73	72	82	86	83
Construction.....do....	133	136	146	182	171	183
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	196	191	140	198	166	172
Retail trade.....do....	462	404	489	584	482	472
Wholesale trade.....do....	84	104	85	112	94	72
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	42,783	41,643	39,313	50,004	39,886	50,279
Commercial service.....do....	1,239	1,106	2,058	3,629	1,854	3,780
Construction.....do....	9,744	7,341	7,840	11,145	11,099	8,149
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	14,106	11,554	9,539	17,345	11,714	21,785
Retail trade.....do....	12,626	10,775	15,656	12,368	11,476	10,946
Wholesale trade.....do....	5,068	10,867	4,220	5,517	3,743	5,619
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Construction contracts awarded, 37 States (F.W.Dodge Corp.):						
Total projects.....number..	54,856	50,551	53,757	48,669	42,865	30,378
Total valuation.....mil. of dol..	1,797	1,921	2,025	1,706	1,689	1,576
Building, total.....do....	1,388	1,438	1,540	1,332	1,354	1,074
Construction contract awards (F. R. indexes):						
Total, unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	244	244	254	237	r217	.....
Residential, unadjusted.....do....	243	233	251	224	r190	.....
Total, adjusted.....do....	270	301	251	248	r242	.....
Residential, adjusted.....do....	252	273	250	230	r197	.....
Construction cost index:						
E. H. Boeckh and Associates:						
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	269.1	270.1	280.8	281.0	281.4	281.9
Brick and steel.....do....	265.1	266.1	276.7	276.9	277.3	277.7
Brick and wood.....do....	266.7	267.3	277.0	277.0	277.3	277.4
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do....	276.8	278.1	288.9	289.2	289.6	290.2
Brick and steel.....do....	274.4	275.3	288.6	288.8	289.1	289.6
Brick and wood.....do....	265.2	265.7	275.9	276.0	276.3	276.5
Frame.....do....	266.9	267.3	275.4	275.3	275.5	275.5
Steel.....do....	259.4	260.8	274.9	275.1	276.1	276.4
Residences:						
Brick.....do....	267.4	268.0	277.4	277.4	277.6	277.8
Frame.....do....	261.3	261.9	270.5	270.3	270.6	270.6
FOODSTUFFS						
Beer:						
Production.....thous. of bbl..	5,775	6,169	6,497	6,500	5,947	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	r6,130	6,296	6,424	r6,670	6,171	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	9,427	8,896	10,344	9,753	9,135	.....
Livestock slaughter (Federally inspected):						
Calves.....thous. of animals..	700	633	661	872	763	605
Cattle.....do....	1,662	1,617	1,617	1,959	1,807	1,686
Hogs.....do....	6,857	7,324	4,979	6,347	6,559	5,698
Sheep and lambs.....do....	1,162	1,155	1,167	1,439	1,139	1,062
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Closures (for glass containers), production.....millions..	1,412	1,347	1,368	1,685	1,436	.....
Aluminum shipments:						
Mill products and pig and ingot (net).....mil. of lb..	353.2	356.8	307.7	r361.4	315.6	.....
Mill products, total.....do....	245.5	243.6	217.4	r252.3	216.9	.....
Plate and sheet.....do....	137.1	138.4	117.1	r136.5	114.6	.....
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....number..	63,186	43,308	97,746	r94,910	64,881	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	49,545	49,628	51,778	r48,903	50,162	.....

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	November	December	September	October	November	December
METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Continued						
Stoves and ranges, domestic cooking, excluding electrical:						
Shipments, total.....number..	198,852	167,452	204,446	217,898	161,070	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	7,053	6,476	5,789	6,536	5,537	.....
Gas (including bungalow and combination).....do....	183,531	152,914	190,984	202,850	149,675	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	8,268	8,062	7,673	8,512	5,858	.....
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total.....do....	303,546	137,615	347,688	383,582	242,322	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	47,447	18,373	58,212	63,483	30,905	.....
Gas.....do....	212,565	90,908	195,533	224,507	160,611	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	43,534	28,334	93,943	95,592	50,806	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do....	120,948	79,728	154,509	133,321	99,543	.....
Gas.....do....	77,427	52,734	94,845	81,462	62,987	.....
Oil.....do....	37,202	23,623	51,638	45,118	32,303	.....
Solid fuel.....do....	6,319	3,371	8,026	6,741	4,253	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do....	184,761	175,173	217,277	225,632	182,266	.....
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net mo. avg. shipments, 1947-49=100..	154.4	183.9	114.7	122.2	121.0	.....
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Tires and tubes:						
Pneumatic casings:						
Production.....thousands..	9,603	8,478	7,800	8,799	7,641	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	8,045	7,515	6,952	7,776	7,518	.....
Original equipment.....do....	4,303	4,045	1,553	2,908	3,516	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	17,727	18,778	17,648	18,775	18,803	.....
Inner tubes:						
Production.....do....	3,052	2,719	2,773	3,025	2,585	.....
Shipments.....do....	2,875	2,686	2,777	2,877	2,792	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	6,734	6,833	6,056	6,469	6,250	.....
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton: 1/						
Consumption.....bales..	741,555	r852,135	822,180	732,319	880,549	631,507
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total....thousands..	r20,904	20,988	20,308	20,343	20,289	20,237
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	19,352	19,440	18,780	18,839	18,786	18,736
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total..mil. of hr..	r10,156	11,848	11,436	9,847	11,952	8,681
Average per working day.....do....	508	474	457	492	r478	434
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	9,393	10,992	10,678	9,162	11,145	8,062
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:						
Freight cars:						
Shipments, total.....number..	r3,832	3,814	3,458	5,666	6,740	7,260
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	2,749	2,714	1,835	3,728	4,367	4,272
Domestic.....do....	2,331	2,696	1,821	3,728	4,322	4,272
Railroad shops, domestic.....do....	r1,083	1,100	1,623	1,938	2,373	2,988
Passenger cars, equipment manufacturers:						
Orders unfilled, end of month, total.....do....	399	860	715	706	791	842
Domestic.....do....	390	851	700	684	679	724
Shipments, total.....do....	38	39	46	26	5	9
Domestic.....do....	38	39	42	25	5	5

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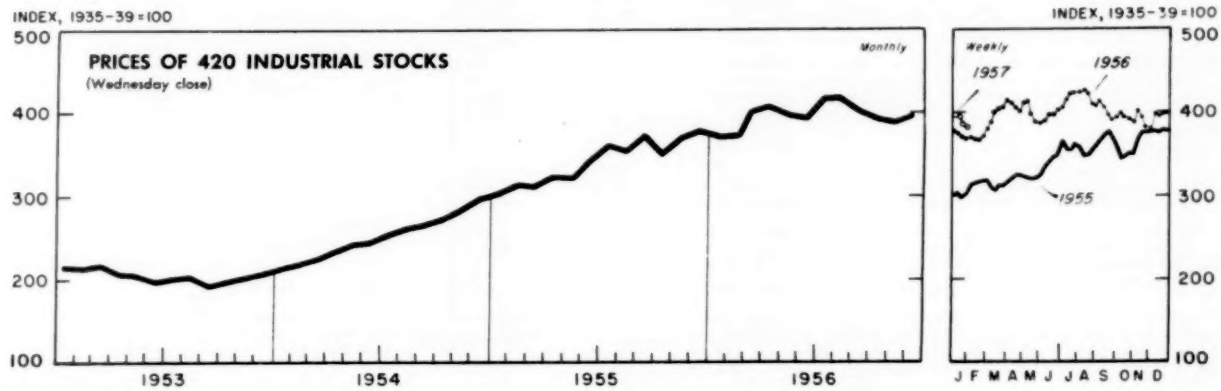

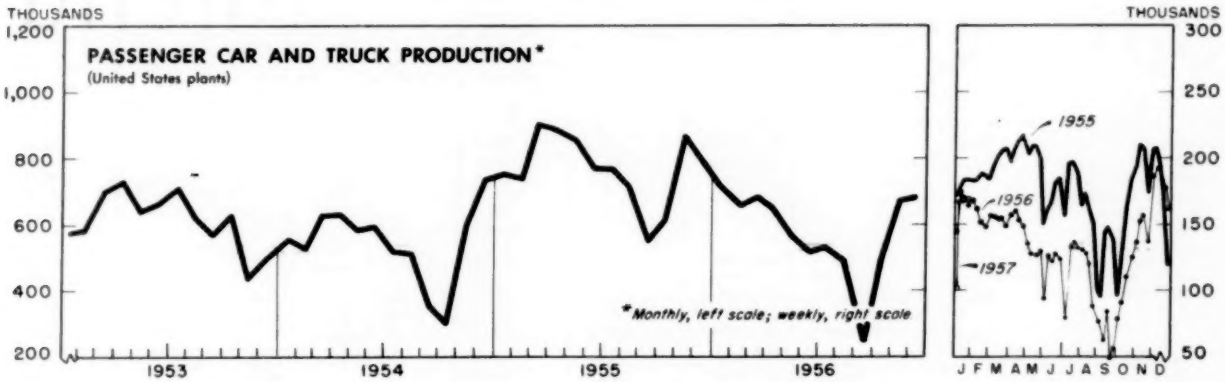

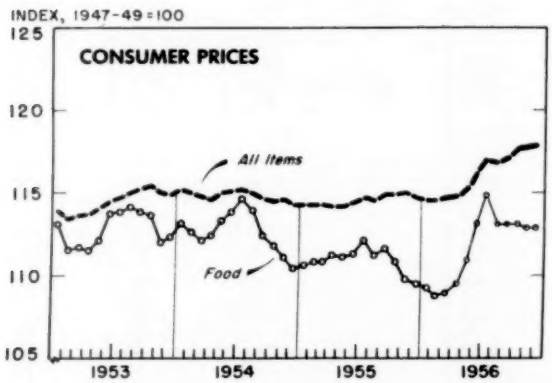

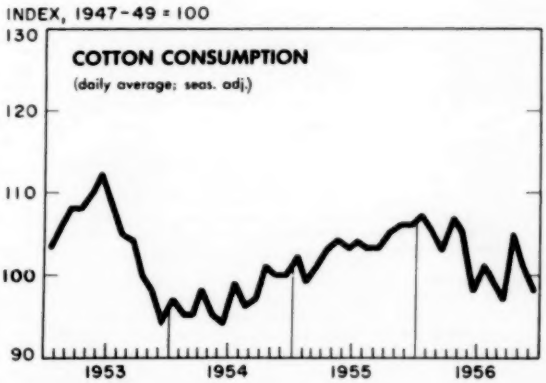

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Jan. 5	Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Jan. 26
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*111.9	116.3	116.3	116.7	117.0
Farm products.....do....	.....	*84.1	88.5	88.2	88.9	89.2
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*98.3	103.7	103.5	104.1	104.5
All other.....do....	.....	*120.4	124.6	124.7	124.9	125.2
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.3	88.8	**92.5	92.0	92.3	91.3
Department store sales.....do....	98	94	93	107	100	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,613	1,635	1,833	1,839	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,473	1,491	1,702	1,706	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,632	30,361	31,829	31,479	31,108	30,827
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,872	25,480	27,524	26,809	25,954	25,636
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,136	19,017	19,856	19,701	19,300	19,342
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	593	523	761	739	525	559
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	58,572	58,735	57,629	57,760	58,523	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,544	21,493	22,088	22,204	22,329	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,467	85,209	87,634	86,198	86,503	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	29,509	29,475	26,774	26,272	26,823	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	26,352	26,211	31,137	30,753	30,595	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,150	8,160	8,839	8,832	8,831	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	269	284	222	256	278	258
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.30	3.29	4.06	4.06	4.05	4.03
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand.& Poor's) 4/..1935-39=100..	321.3	319.6	339.9	339.7	334.0	330.8
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	369.7	367.5	397.3	395.5	388.1	383.9
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,757	1,737	1,483	1,708	1,647	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,521	11,512	11,671	12,327	12,556	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	169,289	162,088	102,217	167,451	167,912	169,095
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,045	6,994	7,417	7,396	7,431	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,437	2,472	2,490	2,519	2,467	2,472
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#99.0	#100.4	97.3	98.4	96.4	96.6
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	699	692	562	681	657	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	359	355	299	349	336	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday date. 5/ Week beginning January 28, 1957: Production, 2,485 thous. short tons; operating rate, 97.1 percent. * Monthly index for January 1956. ** Wednesday price. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955		1956			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index, all items.....1947-49=100..	115.0	114.7	117.1	117.7	117.8	1/118.0
Apparel.....do....	104.7	104.7	106.5	106.8	107.0	107.0
Food.....do....	109.8	109.5	113.1	113.1	112.9	112.9
Dairy products.....do....	107.8	107.7	109.8	110.7	111.1	111.3
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	109.0	110.7	114.8	115.9	115.8	117.4
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	97.1	94.6	101.5	100.8	98.8	98.0
Housing.....do....	120.9	120.8	122.5	122.8	123.0	123.5
Gas and electricity.....do....	111.5	111.5	112.2	112.0	111.8	112.0
Housefurnishings.....do....	104.5	103.4	103.3	103.6	103.8	104.1
Rent.....do....	130.9	131.1	133.4	133.4	133.8	134.2
Medical care.....do....	129.8	130.2	134.0	134.1	134.5	134.7
Personal care.....do....	117.5	117.9	120.5	120.8	121.4	121.8
Reading and recreation.....do....	106.8	106.8	108.4	108.5	109.0	109.3
Transportation.....do....	128.5	127.3	128.6	132.6	133.2	133.1
Private.....do....	119.1	117.8	118.7	122.9	123.5	123.3
Public.....do....	167.8	167.8	173.0	173.0	173.4	174.1
Other goods and services.....do....	120.6	120.6	122.7	123.0	123.2	123.3
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by—						
Wholesale prices.....1947-49=100..	89.9	89.8	86.6	86.5	86.3	2/86.1
Consumer prices.....do....	87.0	87.2	85.4	85.0	84.9	2/84.7
Retail food prices.....do....	91.1	91.3	88.4	88.4	88.6	2/88.6
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	5,527	5,337	6,897	3,660	5,705	5,898
Receipts, net.....do....	4,662	4,889	6,218	3,184	4,818	5,412
Customs.....do....	65	56	60	75	63	59
Income and employment taxes.....do....	4,215	3,962	5,846	2,185	4,478	4,570
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....do....	1,008	879	869	1,149	1,014	894
All other receipts.....do....	240	440	122	250	150	374
Expenditures, total.....do....	5,172	5,651	4,918	5,995	5,726	5,718
Interest on public debt.....do....	542	595	570	582	580	631
Veterans' services and benefits.....do....	423	406	p345	p401	p412	p410
Major national security.....do....	3,109	3,451	p3,153	p3,778	p3,536	p3,571
All other expenditures.....do....	1,099	1,199	p850	p1,234	p1,199	p1,106

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ITEM	1955 November	1955 December	1956 September	1956 October	1956 November	1956 December
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (snythetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	47,263	47,771	45,692	49,343	46,853	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do....	73,491	80,027	74,808	70,277	75,122	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	1,385	1,606	1,003	1,356	1,488	.....
Alcohol, ethyl:						
Production.....thous. of proof gal..	41,911	41,172	32,942	36,066	36,656	.....
Stocks, total.....do....	44,710	40,479	40,078	37,290	33,844	.....
In industrial alcohol bonded warehouses.....do....	34,912	30,726	30,486	27,157	25,403	.....
In denaturing plants.....do....	9,798	9,753	9,591	10,132	8,441	.....
Used for denaturation.....do....	37,787	49,178	40,054	38,498	36,240	.....
Withdrawn tax-paid.....do....	946	888	900	1,120	1,307	.....
Alcohol, denatured:						
Production.....thous. of wine gal..	20,383	26,421	21,487	20,769	19,588	.....
Consumption (withdrawals).....do....	r21,261	25,491	19,115	20,106	18,881	.....
Stocks.....do....	r6,077	7,701	9,964	10,588	11,178	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	r10,606	r9,633	10,130	r11,707	12,201	.....
DDT.....thous. of lb..	10,310	10,991	11,912	10,949	10,641	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do....	6,124	7,636	6,969	10,171	8,285	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do....	75,535	82,575	89,261	95,494	90,119	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do....	111,181	107,479	114,430	119,056	116,914	.....
Methanol:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	186	196	198	189	156	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do....	17,206	19,675	17,468	20,004	19,408	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	29,980	29,749	22,690	27,002	25,041	.....
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	3,495	4,041	3,945	3,837	3,374	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	8,394	7,705	8,579	9,390	9,291	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	451	428	324	396	365	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do....	643	433	279	564	551	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	44,665	43,044	37,598	43,493	40,145	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	48,272	47,434	44,314	48,789	44,467	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	25,197	24,206	21,759	25,691	24,269	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	62,200	61,285	60,237	67,176	65,900	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	34,464	35,689	27,652	35,383	34,509	.....
Rosin modifications.....do....	11,083	10,617	9,377	10,908	11,553	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	4,442	5,552	5,369	6,473	6,542	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	40,911	40,610	51,089	49,110	51,421	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	12,563	12,085	13,298	13,363	13,977	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Distilled spirits:						
Production.....thous. of tax gal..	31,190	23,033	20,386	34,134	23,065	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	16,731	10,486	14,269	21,817	19,331	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	833,201	840,638	844,208	835,948	830,129	.....
Whisky:						
Production.....do....	13,538	12,716	7,847	10,971	10,734	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	8,978	5,671	7,469	11,120	10,325	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	719,656	724,706	734,041	729,660	725,572	.....
Rectified spirits and wines, prod.....thous. of proof gal..	r9,939	5,800	7,871	13,497	12,549	.....
Whisky.....do....	8,761	4,906	6,792	12,019	11,275	.....
Wines and distilling materials:						
Effervescent wines:						
Production.....thous. of wine gal..	r168	200	168	205	188	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	r248	279	200	276	272	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	r1,355	1,257	1,751	1,648	1,547	.....
Still wines:						
Production.....do....	r42,847	10,105	30,528	71,849	24,070	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	13,915	12,867	12,688	14,615	13,879	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	214,463	207,560	144,102	202,848	210,541	.....
Distilling materials produced at wineries.....do....	r96,160	27,478	76,378	142,607	41,839	.....
Livestock:						
Cattle and calves:						
Receipts, principal markets.....thous. of animals..	r2,684	2,091	2,721	3,554	2,689	2,121
Shipments, feeder, to 9 corn-belt States.....do....	734	420	734	1,081	794	363
Hogs:						
Receipts, principal markets.....do....	4,099	4,056	2,676	3,511	3,483	3,037
Sheep and lambs:						
Receipts, principal markets.....do....	r1,299	1,091	1,770	1,948	1,085	1,023
Shipments, feeder, to 9 corn-belt States.....do....	247	161	r679	802	266	145
Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb..	2,253.7	2,340.3	1,831.7	2,282.0	2,256.3	2,063.9
Beef and veal.....do....	970.3	961.5	931.1	1,128.4	1,041.7	987.0
Lamb and mutton.....do....	52.9	53.8	51.0	63.5	52.2	50.3
Pork, including lard.....do....	1,230.5	1,324.9	849.6	1,090.1	1,162.5	1,026.6
Lard.....do....	235.3	261.2	154.2	199.6	218.9	198.6
Coffee, visible supply, United States.....thous. of bags..	564	831	1,063	1,030	1,111	965
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins..	836	807	586	738	734	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips..	2,237	2,255	1,970	2,275	2,191	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	2,243	2,212	1,706	r2,198	1,841	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,382	2,328	2,140	2,202	2,100	.....

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ITEM	1955		1956			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Iron ore (Lake Superior district):						
Consumption by furnaces.....thous. of long tons..	7,488	7,663	7,217	7,556	7,485	.....
Stocks, end of month, total.....do....	51,040	44,359	41,213	47,483	50,537	.....
At furnaces.....do....	43,718	37,539	37,376	43,235	45,947	.....
On Lake Erie docks.....do....	7,323	6,820	3,837	4,248	4,591	.....
Pig iron, production.....thous. of short tons..	6,699	6,954	6,933	7,316	7,036	7,335
Steel products, net shipments:						
Total (all grades).....do....	7,248	7,581	7,058	7,931	7,431	.....
Semifinished products.....do....	435	429	367	400	390	.....
Structural shapes (heavy), steel piling.....do....	470	485	543	600	569	.....
Plates.....do....	639	678	747	796	775	.....
Rails and accessories.....do....	146	180	211	215	197	.....
Bars and tool steel, total.....do....	1,128	1,215	1,124	1,262	1,218	.....
Bars:						
Hot rolled (incl. light shapes).....do....	758	834	756	849	820	.....
Reinforcing.....do....	194	194	234	250	250	.....
Cold finished.....do....	165	176	125	152	139	.....
Pipe and tubing.....do....	884	885	831	990	931	.....
Wire and wire products.....do....	339	332	342	348	298	.....
Tin mill products (incl. black plate).....do....	363	390	539	588	451	.....
Sheets and strip (incl. electrical), total.....do....	2,843	2,988	2,353	2,733	2,602	.....
Sheets: Hot rolled.....do....	834	887	705	840	802	.....
Cold rolled (incl. enameling).....do....	1,318	1,395	1,046	1,211	1,189	.....
Machine tools (metal-cutting types):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	124.25	151.30	78.45	66.10	r64.25	p57.10
Domestic.....do....	117.75	137.40	68.80	57.55	r58.70	p51.80
Shipments, total.....do....	63.35	70.30	71.10	89.75	r81.70	p85.35
Domestic.....do....	56.70	64.40	65.40	79.85	r73.60	p75.25
Estimated backlog.....months..	6.7	7.6	7.7	7.2	6.7	p6.2
Washers, domestic, sales.....thousands..	361.3	357.5	402.6	449.4	357.9	298.4
PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING						
Wood pulp:						
Production, total, all grades.....thous. of short tons..	1,801.2	1,716.2	1,728.7	r1,940.7	1,857.2	.....
Dissolving and special alpha.....do....	83.6	85.3	76.6	79.9	81.7	.....
Sulfate.....do....	983.4	924.1	950.7	r1,071.5	1,032.2	.....
Sulfite.....do....	213.3	200.1	197.8	238.0	215.9	.....
Groundwood.....do....	236.6	235.4	243.3	r262.8	256.7	.....
Defibrated or exploded.....do....	108.5	100.1	95.4	100.3	89.4	.....
Soda, semichem., screenings, damaged, etc.....do....	175.9	171.3	164.9	188.2	181.3	.....
Stocks, end of month, total, all mills.....do....	771.8	762.9	885.4	r909.0	935.0	.....
Pulp mills.....do....	151.9	131.6	196.4	199.4	219.5	.....
Paper and board mills.....do....	517.6	526.1	584.2	603.4	611.2	.....
Nonpaper mills.....do....	102.2	103.9	104.9	106.3	104.3	.....
All paper and board mills, production:						
Paper and board, total.....do....	2,599	2,461	2,466	r2,746	2,591	.....
Paper.....do....	1,105	1,078	1,108	r1,227	1,174	.....
Paperboard.....do....	1,222	1,129	r1,103	1,248	1,180	.....
Wet-machine board.....do....	13	12	12	r13	14	.....
Construction paper and board.....do....	260	243	r243	257	223	.....

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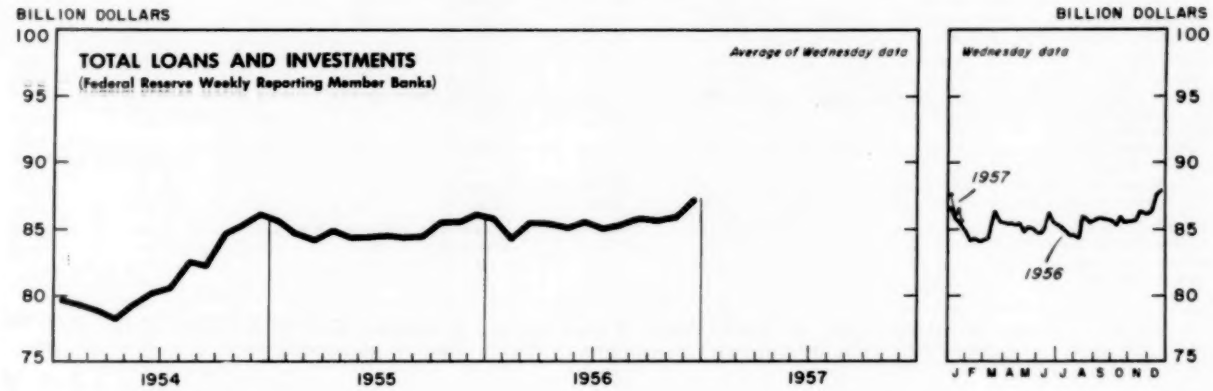

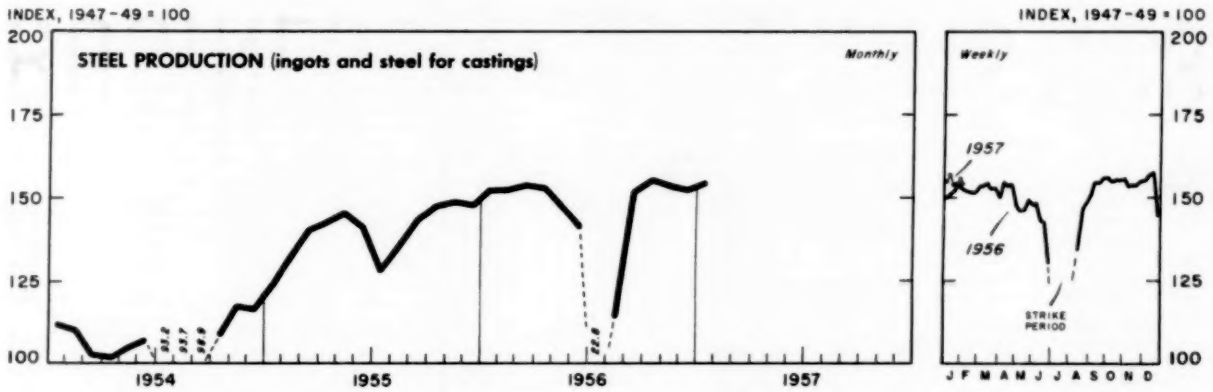

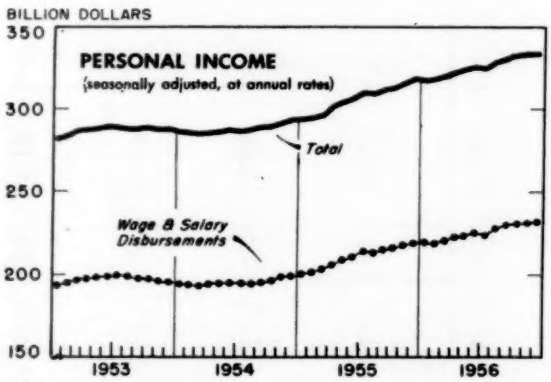

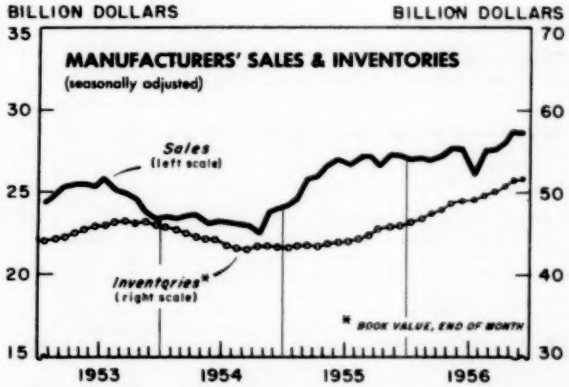

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Jan. 26	Feb. 2
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*111.9	116.3	116.7	117.0	116.9
Farm products.....do....	.....	*84.1	88.2	88.9	89.2	89.4
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*98.3	103.5	104.1	104.5	104.3
All other.....do....	.....	*120.4	124.7	124.9	125.2	125.2
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.8	89.5	92.0	92.3	91.3	90.7
Department store sales.....do....	94	90	107	100	96	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,635	1,658	1,838	1,838	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,491	1,513	1,706	1,705	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,361	30,223	31,479	31,108	30,827	30,607
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,480	25,248	26,809	25,954	25,636	25,087
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,017	18,834	19,701	19,300	19,342	18,918
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	523	484	739	525	559	315
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	58,735	57,607	57,760	58,523	58,296	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,493	21,446	22,204	22,329	22,362	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,209	84,694	86,198	86,503	85,583	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	29,475	28,822	26,272	26,823	26,330	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	26,241	26,290	30,753	30,595	30,349	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,160	8,154	8,832	8,831	8,807	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	284	273	256	278	258	320
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.29	3.28	4.06	4.05	4.03	4.01
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand.& Poor's) 4/..1935-39=100..	319.6	322.0	339.7	334.0	330.8	330.2
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	367.5	369.5	395.5	388.1	383.9	382.4
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,737	1,626	1,708	1,654	1,702	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,512	11,540	12,327	12,556	12,410	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	162,088	167,272	167,451	167,912	168,329	166,565
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,994	7,081	7,396	7,431	7,396	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,472	2,444	2,519	2,467	2,472	2,498
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#100.4	#99.3	98.4	96.4	96.6	97.6
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	692	681	681	657	666	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	355	352	349	336	340	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning February 4, 1957: Production, 2,472 thous. short tons; operating rate, 96.6 percent. * Monthly index for January 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955		1956			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source:						
Seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	314.5	317.5	329.5	332.5	r333.5	333.5
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	217.2	218.2	228.5	229.7	r231.0	232.5
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	94.2	94.5	99.1	100.6	r101.1	102.1
Distributive industries.....do....	57.3	57.6	60.5	60.2	r60.6	60.9
Service industries.....do....	29.3	29.4	30.8	30.9	31.1	31.2
Government.....do....	36.4	36.7	38.1	38.0	r38.2	38.3
Other labor income.....do....	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	49.6	49.2	50.9	52.3	r51.7	51.2
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	28.1	30.2	30.0	30.2	r30.3	29.2
Transfer payments.....do....	17.7	18.0	18.7	18.9	19.1	19.2
Less personal contributions for social insurance.do....	5.3	5.4	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	299.4	302.8	314.4	316.3	r317.9	318.3
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,292	26,967	27,713	r30,237	r28,747	28,021
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,723	13,716	13,351	14,953	r14,469	14,190
Primary metal.....do....	2,390	2,433	2,321	2,603	r2,473	2,425
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,381	1,306	1,513	1,666	r1,510	1,357
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,473	3,777	3,997	4,292	4,039	4,196
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	3,633	3,529	2,481	3,049	r3,647	3,754
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,133	1,045	1,210	1,198	r1,029	890
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	668	613	728	860	r720	636
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,569	13,251	14,362	r15,284	r14,278	13,831
Food and beverage.....do....	4,084	4,016	4,536	4,663	r4,376	4,335
Tobacco.....do....	334	327	329	366	353	351
Textile.....do....	1,221	1,115	1,212	1,345	r1,184	1,089
Paper.....do....	886	838	872	983	r910	838
Chemical.....do....	1,919	1,801	2,079	2,193	r1,995	1,928
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,454	2,695	2,470	2,591	2,655	2,875

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ITEM	1955		1956			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' sales - Continued						
Value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol...	27,343	27,289	27,624	r28,329	r28,707	28,688
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,721	13,688	13,692	14,199	r14,321	14,390
Primary metal.....do....	2,393	2,341	2,392	2,529	r2,475	2,344
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,395	1,375	1,427	1,461	r1,541	1,459
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,553	3,648	3,945	4,115	r4,162	4,084
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	3,576	3,460	3,035	3,181	r3,387	3,748
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,144	1,124	1,186	1,079	r1,039	1,000
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	655	674	668	717	r706	731
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,622	13,601	13,932	r14,130	r14,386	14,298
Food and beverage.....do....	4,047	4,095	4,378	4,311	r4,342	4,402
Tobacco.....do....	327	337	323	342	350	382
Textile.....do....	1,197	1,126	1,122	1,140	r1,184	1,146
Paper.....do....	886	873	863	936	r910	873
Chemical.....do....	2,014	1,959	2,031	2,081	r2,095	2,098
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,479	2,495	2,520	2,565	2,682	2,662
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	45,317	46,123	49,662	r50,418	r50,979	51,633
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	25,670	26,235	28,423	29,098	r29,497	29,890
Primary metal.....do....	3,600	3,603	3,975	4,133	r4,249	4,351
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,649	2,658	2,871	2,886	r2,917	3,019
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,232	8,412	9,677	9,802	r9,961	10,045
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).do....	6,388	6,624	6,898	7,331	r7,415	7,440
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,806	1,855	1,786	1,784	r1,775	1,775
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	901	956	988	978	1,005	1,027
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.1	7.1	7.9	8.1	r8.3	8.4
Goods in process.....do....	10.6	10.8	11.9	12.2	r12.3	12.3
Finished goods.....do....	8.0	8.3	8.6	8.8	r8.9	9.2
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	19,647	19,888	21,239	r21,320	r21,482	21,743
Food and beverage.....do....	4,661	4,584	4,821	4,892	r4,957	4,889
Tobacco.....do....	1,797	1,867	1,801	1,830	r1,865	1,917
Textile.....do....	2,377	2,422	2,573	2,559	r2,579	2,613
Paper.....do....	1,031	1,063	1,215	1,207	r1,220	1,261
Chemical.....do....	3,142	3,280	3,571	3,636	r3,686	3,786
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,823	2,758	3,164	3,196	r3,151	3,167
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.5	r8.7	8.9
Goods in process.....do....	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0
Finished goods.....do....	8.5	8.6	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	45,669	45,923	50,106	r50,830	r51,355	51,442
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	26,050	26,317	28,708	29,408	r29,925	29,978
Primary metal.....do....	3,491	3,494	3,892	4,037	r4,128	4,224
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,759	2,740	2,960	3,006	r3,039	3,112
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,397	8,494	9,814	9,979	r10,159	10,143
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).do....	6,475	6,603	6,946	7,308	r7,511	7,413
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,843	1,837	1,804	1,820	r1,811	1,757
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	948	956	1,019	1,029	1,058	1,027
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	6.9	7.0	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.1
Goods in process.....do....	10.8	10.9	11.9	12.2	12.5	12.5
Finished goods.....do....	8.3	8.4	8.9	9.2	9.3	9.4
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	19,619	19,606	21,398	r21,422	r21,430	21,464
Food and beverage.....do....	4,450	4,382	4,713	4,696	r4,715	4,705
Tobacco.....do....	1,779	1,795	1,838	1,812	r1,847	1,843
Textile.....do....	2,426	2,471	2,599	2,611	r2,632	2,666
Paper.....do....	1,041	1,052	1,227	1,232	r1,232	1,249
Chemical.....do....	3,157	3,199	3,714	3,740	r3,703	3,691
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,768	2,731	3,133	3,133	r3,089	3,136
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6
Goods in process.....do....	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	8.4	8.5	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,726	28,684	28,134	r29,683	r29,083	28,068
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,026	15,478	13,818	14,247	r14,741	14,238
Primary metal.....do....	2,613	2,629	2,039	2,401	r2,615	2,497
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,412	1,430	1,639	1,583	r1,386	1,334
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,682	4,268	4,080	4,393	r4,072	4,161
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles)...do....	3,726	4,634	3,156	2,774	r4,015	3,958
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,700	13,206	14,316	r15,436	r14,342	13,830
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	28,315	29,295	28,072	r28,906	r29,429	28,817
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,680	15,605	14,266	14,591	r15,130	14,439
Primary metal.....do....	2,751	2,528	2,192	2,475	r2,672	2,472
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,569	1,589	1,576	1,583	r1,540	1,482
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,006	4,118	4,200	4,445	r4,436	4,013
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles)...do....	3,653	4,634	3,394	3,082	r3,718	3,958
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,635	13,690	13,806	r14,315	r14,299	14,378
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total....do....	53,774	55,491	62,227	61,654	r61,990	62,037
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	50,357	52,119	59,549	58,824	r59,096	59,144
Primary metal.....do....	6,842	7,038	7,699	7,497	r7,639	7,711
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,965	4,089	4,585	4,502	r4,378	4,355
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	15,713	16,204	19,084	19,185	r19,218	19,183
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles)...do....	19,577	20,682	23,486	23,211	r23,579	23,783
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,417	3,372	2,678	2,830	r2,894	2,893

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ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	222	226	234	234	237	238
Crops.....do....	226	231	232	239	240	239
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	217	248	203	264	277	249
Cotton.....do....	264	259	270	270	262	256
Feed grains and hay.....do....	170	171	178	182	185	187
Food grains.....do....	221	220	225	232	234	236
Fruit.....do....	208	225	232	218	216	227
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	232	236	249	262	264	266
Potatoes 1/.....do....	143	161	141	154	158	162
Tobacco.....do....	455	452	453	443	461	457
Livestock and products.....do....	219	221	236	230	234	237
Dairy products.....do....	266	261	272	277	275	269
Meat animals.....do....	201	207	245	231	239	254
Poultry and eggs.....do....	204	205	167	164	165	155
Wool.....do....	217	220	238	249	256	262
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	259	259	265	267	r268	269
Family living items.....do....	273	272	279	281	r283	283
Production items.....do....	243	246	250	252	r252	255
All commod.,services,int.,taxes, and wage rates....do....	278	281	287	289	r290	292
Parity ratio.....do....	80	80	82	81	82	82
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,258	2,947	4,133	3,800	3,370	3,046
Private, total.....do....	2,435	2,176	2,766	2,666	2,472	2,185
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,279	1,080	1,365	1,313	1,202	1,014
New dwelling units.....do....	1,160	980	1,195	1,145	1,060	895
Additions and alterations.....do....	88	70	129	126	102	81
Nonresidential building, total 2/.....do....	679	650	793	794	768	719
Industrial.....do....	223	223	274	271	270	268
Commercial.....do....	270	251	287	288	272	244
Farm construction.....do....	98	97	122	103	90	91
Public utility.....do....	369	341	474	445	402	350
Public, total.....do....	823	771	1,367	1,134	898	861
Nonresidential building.....do....	286	293	373	338	311	324
Military facilities.....do....	97	87	140	118	108	97
Highway.....do....	263	215	575	420	250	220
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,580	3,625	3,665	3,699	3,729	3,733
Private, total.....do....	2,519	2,505	2,551	2,551	2,542	2,496
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,322	1,287	1,241	1,239	1,239	1,207
Nonresidential building, total 2/.....do....	665	662	752	755	748	728
Farm construction.....do....	131	130	122	121	120	121
Public utility.....do....	389	416	423	424	423	427
Public, total.....do....	1,061	1,120	1,114	1,148	1,187	1,237
Nonresidential building.....do....	321	334	350	357	350	368
Highway.....do....	432	470	390	417	455	489
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	126.6	127.1	132.5	132.6	132.8	.....

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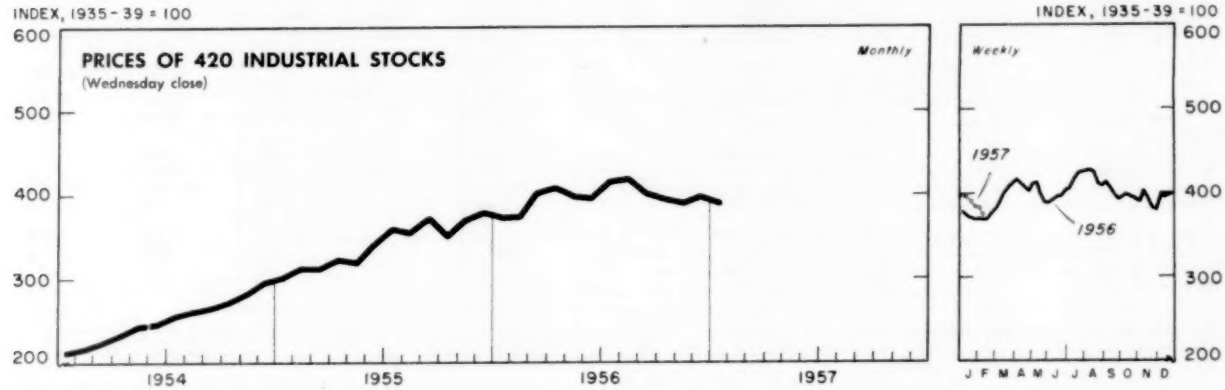

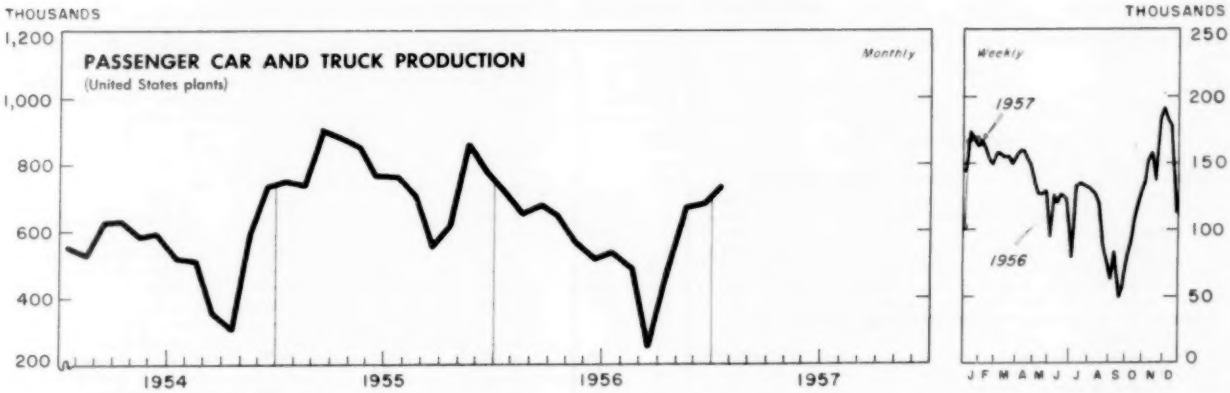

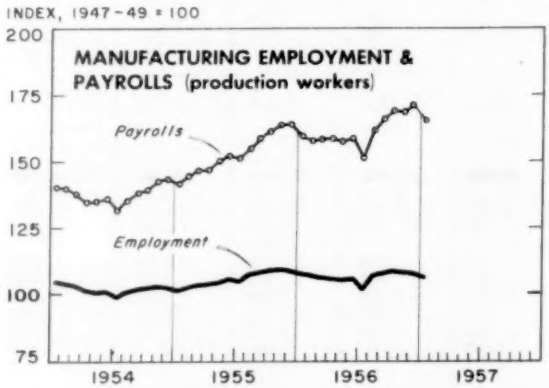

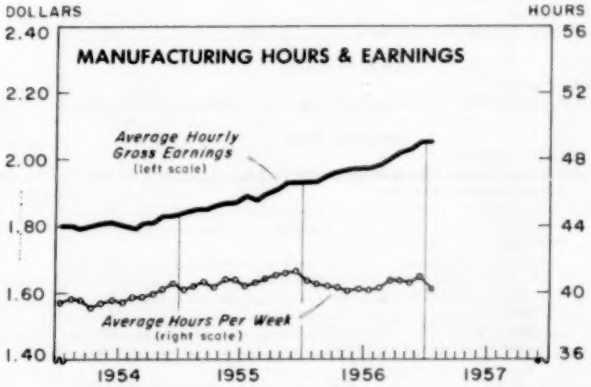

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Jan. 19	Jan. 26	Feb. 2	Feb. 9
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*111.9	116.7	117.0	116.9	116.8
Farm products.....do....	.....	*84.1	88.9	89.2	89.4	88.9
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*98.3	104.1	104.5	104.3	104.4
All other.....do....	.....	*120.4	124.9	125.2	125.2	125.1
22 commodities 2/.....do....	89.5	88.9	92.3	91.3	90.7	89.7
Department store sales.....do....	90	97	100	96	94	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,658	1,637	1,837	1,865	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,513	1,497	1,705	1,729	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,223	30,219	31,108	30,827	30,607	30,595
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,248	25,104	25,954	25,636	25,087	25,146
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,834	18,773	19,300	19,342	18,918	18,920
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	484	533	525	559	309	378
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	57,607	57,048	58,523	58,296	58,076	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,446	21,460	22,329	22,362	22,401	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,694	84,130	86,503	85,583	85,297	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	28,822	28,499	26,823	26,330	26,101	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	26,290	26,211	30,595	30,349	30,260	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,154	8,162	8,831	8,807	8,790	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	273	236	278	258	320	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.28	3.28	4.05	4.03	4.01	4.01
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand.& Poor's) 4/..1935-39=100..	322.0	321.6	334.0	330.8	330.2	322.8
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	369.5	369.3	388.1	383.9	382.4	372.9
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,626	1,692	1,654	1,695	1,463	.....
Electric power, by utilities..... .....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,540	11,343	12,556	12,410	12,322	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	167,272	160,967	167,912	168,329	163,504	169,883
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,081	7,046	7,431	7,396	7,422	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,444	2,439	2,467	2,472	2,498	2,485
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#99.3	#99.1	96.4	96.6	97.6	97.1
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	681	684	657	666	648	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	352	354	336	340	344	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning February 11, 1957: Production, 2,469 thous. short tons; operating rate, 96.5 percent. * Monthly index for January 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Farm income and marketings:						
Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol..	2,772	2,530	3,927	r3,306	2,768	.....
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do....	2,743	2,491	3,755	r3,216	2,728	.....
Crops.....do....	1,485	1,212	2,131	r1,749	1,406	.....
Livestock and products, total.....do....	1,258	1,279	1,624	1,467	1,322	.....
Dairy products.....do....	350	364	363	342	371	.....
Meat animals.....do....	584	630	945	806	615	.....
Poultry and eggs.....do....	307	265	296	301	371	.....
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	113	102	154	r132	112	.....
Crops.....do....	138	113	198	r163	131	.....
Livestock and products.....do....	92	94	119	108	97	.....
Indexes of volume of farm marketings, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....do....	132	122	177	r157	128	.....
Crops.....do....	141	117	208	r176	131	.....
Livestock and products.....do....	125	126	153	142	125	.....
COMMODITY PRICES						
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S.Dept.of Commerce index)..1935-39=100..	208.1	207.6	213.4	r213.8	213.9	.....
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total 1/.....mil. of dol..	19,268	13,866	16,282	16,639	r19,532	14,913
Durable-goods stores:						
Automotive group.....do....	3,118	2,744	2,830	2,907	r3,122	3,019
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	1,163	761	956	1,003	r1,194	821
Nondurable-goods stores:						
Apparel group.....do....	1,598	721	1,034	1,095	r1,694	813
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	590	459	480	470	632	488
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,182	1,084	1,227	1,158	r1,201	1,085
Food group.....do....	4,168	3,517	3,881	4,024	r4,204	3,794
Gasoline service stations.....do....	1,104	1,012	1,180	1,184	r1,182	1,143
General-merchandise group.....do....	3,010	1,278	1,809	2,030	r3,033	1,321

r/ Revised. 1/ January 1957 figures are advance estimates.

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ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
DOMESTIC TRADE - Continued						
All retail stores - Continued						
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....mil. of dol..	22,440	22,790	24,000	24,750	22,360	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	10,410	10,870	9,920	r10,450	9,910	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,030	11,920	14,080	r14,300	12,450	.....
Adjusted, total.....do....	23,900	24,080	23,320	r23,490	23,800	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	11,230	11,390	10,090	r10,420	10,690	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,670	12,690	13,230	r13,070	13,110	.....
Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:						
Unadjusted.....do....	4,029	2,449	3,114	3,337	4,136	.....
Adjusted.....do....	2,916	2,936	3,029	3,132	3,139	.....
Department store sales, United States total:						
Unadjusted index.....1947-49=100..	212	95	128	158	r223	p96
Adjusted index.....do....	123	124	122	131	r129	p126
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	10,180	9,360	11,690	r11,160	10,570	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	3,410	3,120	3,950	r3,670	3,410	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,770	6,240	7,740	r7,490	7,160	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	12,290	12,480	13,500	r13,640	13,310	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	6,080	6,280	6,630	r6,590	6,540	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,210	6,200	6,870	7,050	6,770	.....
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census):						
Civilian labor force.....thousands..	66,592	65,775	68,082	67,732	67,029	65,830
Employed.....do....	64,165	62,891	66,174	65,269	64,550	62,890
Agricultural employment.....do....	5,884	5,635	7,173	6,192	5,110	4,943
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	58,282	57,256	59,000	59,076	59,440	57,947
Unemployed.....do....	2,427	2,885	1,909	2,463	2,479	2,940
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Department of Labor).....do....	51,996	50,284	52,455	r52,484	r53,134	p51,297
Manufacturing.....do....	17,027	16,842	17,222	r17,151	r17,129	p16,935
Mining.....do....	783	777	812	r811	r811	p801
Contract construction.....do....	2,756	2,588	3,301	r3,191	r2,998	p2,754
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	4,161	4,083	4,177	r4,170	r4,169	p4,124
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	11,849	10,920	11,288	r11,496	r12,091	p11,182
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,243	2,238	2,312	r2,313	r2,308	p2,297
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	5,853	5,803	6,045	r6,010	5,972	p5,912
Government.....do....	7,324	7,033	7,298	r7,342	r7,656	p7,292
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Total.....do....	13,451	13,260	13,439	r13,353	r13,316	p13,117
Durable-goods industries.....do....	7,838	7,751	7,751	r7,802	r7,798	p7,709
Ordnance and accessories.....do....	87	87	82	r82	83	p82
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	654	635	664	r634	604	p575
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	325	322	322	318	r318	p311
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	474	468	484	r479	r473	p457
Primary metal industries.....do....	1,141	1,141	1,132	r1,132	r1,137	p1,137
Fabricated metal products 1/.....do....	928	913	911	r911	910	p901
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	1,250	1,261	1,264	r1,273	r1,286	p1,290
Electrical machinery.....do....	868	854	914	r918	r904	p891
Transportation equipment.....do....	1,471	1,449	1,319	r1,402	r1,449	p1,447
Instruments and related products.....do....	231	230	237	237	236	p235
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	5,613	5,509	5,688	r5,551	r5,518	p5,408
Food and kindred products.....do....	1,079	1,022	1,226	r1,131	r1,082	p1,030
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	101	95	110	r101	r97	p89
Textile-mill products.....do....	1,000	991	952	r949	r943	p932
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1,122	1,105	1,091	r1,088	r1,090	p1,062
Paper and allied products.....do....	465	458	468	467	r469	p466
Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do....	545	538	564	564	r568	p561
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	556	556	554	r550	552	p548
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	171	171	175	r175	r174	p173
Rubber products.....do....	231	230	220	r199	r216	p217
Leather and leather products.....do....	346	345	328	r327	r328	p329
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	108.7	107.2	108.7	r108.0	r107.7	p106.0
Adjusted.....do....	108.3	108.0	107.1	r107.1	r107.3	p106.8
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	163.7	159.1	168.7	r167.7	r170.9	p165.1
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing..hours..	41.3	40.7	40.7	40.5	41.0	p40.2
Durable-goods industries.....do....	42.0	41.2	r41.4	41.2	41.9	p41.0
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	40.4	39.9	39.8	39.6	39.8	p39.0
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	79.71	78.55	82.21	82.42	84.05	p82.41
Durable-goods industries.....do....	86.52	84.87	89.01	88.99	91.34	p89.38
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	70.30	69.83	72.83	73.26	74.03	p72.54
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	1.93	1.93	2.02	2.03	2.05	p2.05
Durable-goods industries.....do....	2.06	2.06	2.15	2.16	2.18	p2.18
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	1.74	1.75	1.83	1.85	1.86	p1.86
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	38,648	37,848	40,196	40,631	41,863	.....
Installment credit, total.....do....	29,020	28,886	30,811	31,024	31,552	.....
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,785	2,885	3,382	3,387	3,735	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	3,034	3,019	3,278	3,174	3,207	.....

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Except ordnance, machinery, and transportation equipment.

ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
FINANCE - Continued						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term) - Continued						
Installment credit extended and repaid - Continued						
Adjusted: Extended, total.....mil. of dol..	3,315	3,441	3,370	r3,453	3,368	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	2,918	3,109	3,183	r3,160	3,185	.....
Federal Government finance:						
Gross debt (direct), end of month, total.....do....	280,769	280,049	275,283	277,017	276,628	276,229
Interest bearing, total.....do....	277,799	277,170	272,720	274,471	274,219	273,698
Public issues.....do....	233,873	233,584	227,238	228,749	228,581	228,367
Special issues.....do....	43,926	43,585	45,482	45,722	45,639	45,331
Noninterest bearing.....do....	2,970	2,879	2,563	2,546	2,408	2,531
Obligations guaranteed by U.S.Government, end of mo..do....	53	53	89	94	103	107
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	*49,201	**45,592	55,165	51,671	.....	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	*21,526	**19,257	25,111	22,803	.....	.....
Mail, ton-miles flown.....do....	*7,015	**7,009	7,892	7,522	.....	.....
Passengers carried, revenue.....do....	*3,081	**2,705	3,421	3,040	.....	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	*1,674	**1,453	1,879	1,656	.....	.....
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association):						
Production, total.....mil. of bd. ft..	2,889	2,940	3,403	2,975	2,554	.....
Softwoods.....do....	2,281	2,313	2,749	2,368	2,003	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	2,794	2,908	3,156	2,804	2,390	.....
Softwoods.....do....	2,122	2,232	2,572	2,248	1,883	.....
Stocks, gross (mill and concentration yards), total..do....	8,684	8,737	9,496	9,660	9,824	.....
Softwoods.....do....	5,384	5,486	5,910	6,023	6,143	.....
PAPER AND PRINTING						
Paper, excluding building paper, newsprint, and paperboard:						
Orders, new 1/.....thous. of short tons..	*1,034.4	**957.2	r871.8	790.0	.....	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month 1/.....do....	*892.7	**876.0	r805.4	726.0	.....	.....
Production.....do....	*1,022.3	**973.7	r1,082.3	1,028.0	.....	.....
Shipments 1/.....do....	*1,004.4	**953.8	r912.9	847.0	.....	.....
Stocks, end of month 1/.....do....	*459.4	**471.1	r411.5	426.0	.....	.....
Fine paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	*129.5	**122.5	r121.4	117.0	.....	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	*108.8	**106.8	r104.3	96.0	.....	.....
Production.....do....	*128.9	**125.3	r141.7	131.0	.....	.....
Shipments.....do....	*125.4	**126.9	r137.1	127.0	.....	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	*101.5	**99.0	r96.4	99.0	.....	.....
Printing paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	*357.0	**340.0	r357.0	315.0	.....	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	*441.2	**438.2	r485.0	430.0	.....	.....
Production.....do....	*337.7	**333.6	r375.4	360.0	.....	.....
Shipments.....do....	*340.6	**335.7	r378.1	356.0	.....	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	*153.8	**151.6	r160.6	165.0	.....	.....
Coarse paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	*339.0	**312.3	r332.8	307.0	.....	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	*210.5	**205.0	r168.2	154.0	.....	.....
Production.....do....	*332.6	**315.0	r333.1	319.0	.....	.....
Shipments.....do....	*328.4	**309.3	r334.8	311.0	.....	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	*89.0	**93.0	r94.0	102.0	.....	.....

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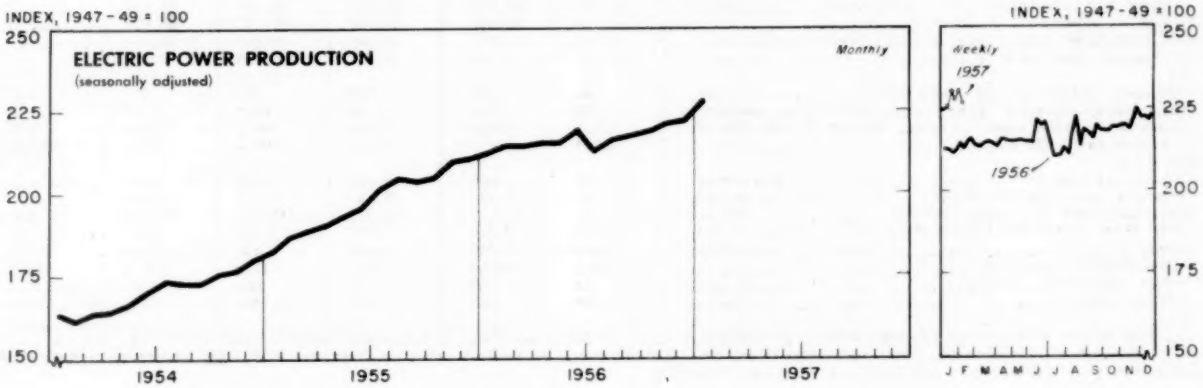

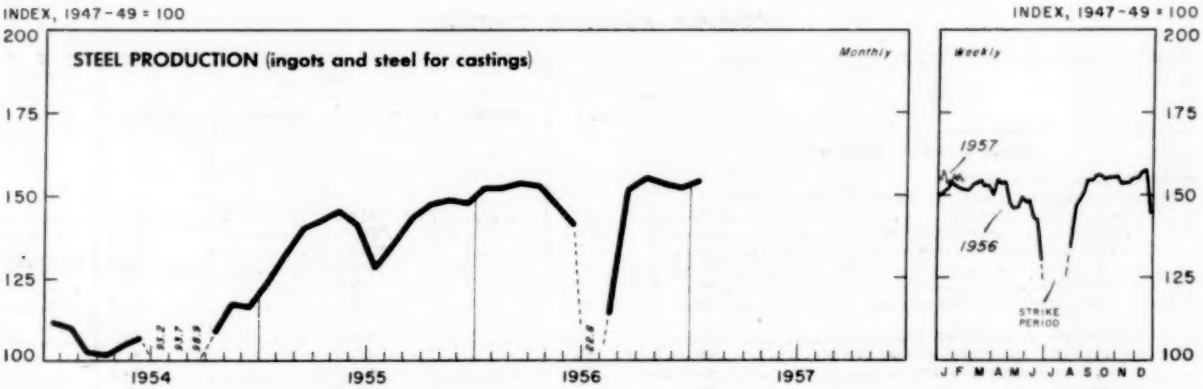

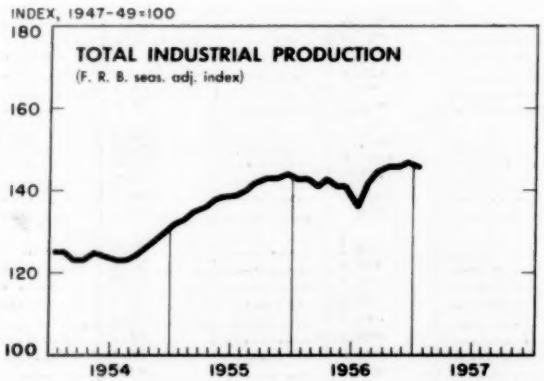

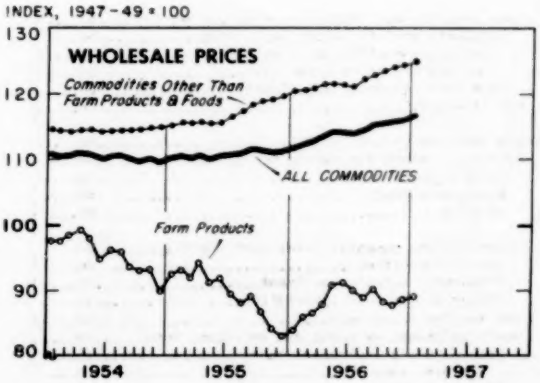

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All other.....do....	.....	*120.6	.....	.....	125.3	125.4
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.9	88.6	91.3	90.7	89.7	**89.0
Department store sales.....do....	97	95	96	94	102	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,637	1,624	1,864	1,883	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,497	1,482	1,729	1,747	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,219	30,247	30,827	30,607	30,595	30,641
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Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,773	18,693	19,342	18,918	18,920	18,808
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	543	549	559	309	378	434
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	57,047	56,391	58,296	58,076	56,874	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,458	21,428	22,362	22,401	22,470	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,140	84,310	85,583	85,297	85,069	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	28,498	28,542	26,330	26,101	25,921	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)..do....	26,211	26,301	30,349	30,260	30,162	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,161	8,197	8,807	8,790	8,770	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	236	252	258	320	287	317
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.28	3.27	4.03	4.01	4.01	3.99
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand.& Poor's) 4/.1935-39=100..	321.6	321.0	330.8	330.2	323.2	318.3
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	369.3	368.5	383.9	382.4	373.5	367.6
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,692	1,675	1,695	1,463	1,621	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,343	11,321	12,410	12,322	12,019	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	160,967	151,547	168,329	163,504	170,120	171,890
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,046	7,116	7,396	7,422	7,461	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,439	2,433	2,472	2,498	2,485	2,501
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#99.1	#98.8	96.6	97.6	97.1	97.7
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	684	698	666	648	665	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	354	363	340	344	344	.....

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
National income and product:						
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates:						
National income, total.....bil. of dol..	334.4	.....	*343.5	.....	.....	.....
Compensation of employees, total.....do....	230.3	.....	*240.4	.....	245.5	.....
Wages and salaries, total.....do....	217.0	.....	*226.2	.....	231.1	.....
Private.....do....	180.5	.....	*188.3	.....	192.9	.....
Military.....do....	9.7	.....	*9.5	.....	9.5	.....
Government civilian.....do....	26.8	.....	*28.5	.....	28.7	.....
Supplements to wages and salaries.....do....	13.3	.....	*14.2	.....	14.4	.....
Proprietors' and rental income, total.....do....	49.3	.....	*50.7	.....	51.7	.....
Business and professional.....do....	28.0	.....	*29.5	.....	29.9	.....
Farm.....do....	11.4	.....	*11.6	.....	12.1	.....
Rental income of persons.....do....	9.8	.....	*9.7	.....	9.7	.....
Corp. profits and inventory valuation adj.,total.do....	43.4	.....	*40.4	.....	.....	.....
Corporate profits before tax, total.....do....	46.4	.....	*41.2	.....	.....	.....
Corporate profits tax liability.....do....	23.4	.....	*20.8	.....	.....	.....
Corporate profits after tax.....do....	23.0	.....	*20.4	.....	.....	.....
Inventory valuation adjustment.....do....	-3.0	.....	*-.8	.....	-3.3	.....
Net interest.....do....	11.3	.....	*12.0	.....	12.4	.....
Gross national product, total.....do....	401.9	.....	*413.8	.....	423.8	.....
Personal consumption expenditures, total.....do....	259.5	.....	*266.8	.....	270.9	.....
Durable goods.....do....	35.4	.....	*33.0	.....	34.8	.....
Nondurable goods.....do....	129.2	.....	*134.0	.....	134.7	.....
Services.....do....	94.9	.....	*99.7	.....	101.4	.....
Gross private domestic investment, total.....do....	65.1	.....	*65.1	.....	68.5	.....
New construction.....do....	33.0	.....	*33.6	.....	32.9	.....
Producers' durable equipment.....do....	25.9	.....	*29.5	.....	31.5	.....
Change in business inventories.....do....	6.1	.....	*2.0	.....	4.1	.....
Net foreign investment.....do....	-.8	.....	*1.7	.....	2.4	.....
Gov't purchases of goods and services, total.....do....	78.1	.....	*80.2	.....	82.0	.....
Federal (less Government sales).....do....	47.2	.....	*47.2	.....	48.3	.....
National security.....do....	40.6	.....	*41.9	.....	43.2	.....
State and local.....do....	30.9	.....	*33.0	.....	33.7	.....

*/ Data for 3rd quarter 1956.

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ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
National income and product - Continued						
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates - Con.						
Personal income, total.....bil. of dol..	314.6	.....	*327.0	.....	333.2	.....
Less: Personal tax and nontax payments.....do....	36.3	.....	*38.8	.....	39.9	.....
Equals: Disposable personal income.....do....	278.4	.....	*288.2	.....	293.3	.....
Personal saving.....do....	18.8	.....	*21.4	.....	22.4	.....
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	142	143	r151	147	144	p145
Manufactures.....do....	143	144	r153	149	146	p147
Durable manufactures.....do....	161	160	168	r166	r165	p165
Primary metals.....do....	147	151	149	r146	r143	p146
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	173	172	180	181	r182	p182
Fabricated metal products.....do....	137	135	145	138	r138	p134
Machinery.....do....	164	167	181	177	r176	p177
Transportation equipment.....do....	214	206	202	r218	r224	p222
Instruments and related products.....do....	161	160	r173	174	r175	p171
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	128	122	127	122	125	p118
Lumber and products.....do....	113	116	130	117	r104	p106
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	153	150	165	r161	r156	p150
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	149	141	154	150	146	p138
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	125	128	137	132	126	p129
Printing and publishing.....do....	130	127	145	144	142	p138
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	141	143	140	r143	r146	p148
Minerals.....do....	127	129	132	r130	128	p128
Coal.....do....	91	91	93	90	83	p83
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	151	153	147	r149	r153	p155
Adjusted, combined index.....do....	144	143	146	146	147	p146
Manufactures.....do....	146	145	148	147	148	p147
Durable manufactures.....do....	161	160	164	165	166	p164
Primary metals.....do....	150	148	147	r146	r146	p143
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	172	170	177	180	r182	p180
Fabricated metal products.....do....	138	136	142	138	r139	p136
Machinery.....do....	164	164	r176	176	r176	p174
Transportation equipment.....do....	212	205	r202	r215	r221	p221
Instruments and related products.....do....	159	160	172	172	173	p171
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	123	122	122	r118	120	p118
Lumber and products.....do....	126	128	122	120	r116	p117
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	154	154	157	159	r157	p154
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	146	144	146	r142	143	p141
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	130	129	131	129	r130	p130
Printing and publishing.....do....	128	131	141	139	139	p142
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	141	142	139	r141	r146	p147
Minerals.....do....	129	131	128	r129	130	p130
Coal.....do....	87	87	85	83	80	p79
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	151	153	147	r149	r153	p155
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do....	148	144	128	r139	r140	p137
Major consumer durables.....do....	165	159	r132	r151	r153	p150
Autos.....do....	193	173	105	164	177	p174
Major household goods.....do....	142	150	r158	r140	r134	p132
Other consumer durables.....do....	111	109	118	r112	r111	p107
Adjusted index, total.....do....	150	r145	r124	r131	r138	p136
Major consumer durables.....do....	165	r158	130	r140	r149	p147
Autos.....do....	187	171	117	148	162	p169
Major household goods.....do....	148	r149	143	r134	r139	p131
Other consumer durables.....do....	114	113	112	r109	113	p111
COMMODITY PRICES						
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	111.3	111.9	115.6	115.9	r116.3	116.9
Economic sector:						
Crude materials for further processing.....do....	89.9	91.5	95.0	94.9	r96.7	97.2
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components...do....	119.4	120.0	123.6	123.8	124.2	124.9
Finished goods 1/.....do....	111.5	111.8	115.6	116.2	r116.2	116.7
Farm products.....do....	82.9	84.1	88.4	87.9	r88.9	89.3
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do....	95.6	105.0	97.6	104.3	102.6	100.7
Grains.....do....	82.7	81.5	84.0	87.9	88.8	89.5
Livestock and live poultry.....do....	59.3	63.0	73.0	68.6	71.7	73.9
Foods, processed.....do....	98.2	98.3	103.6	103.6	103.1	104.3
Cereal and bakery products.....do....	115.2	115.1	115.3	115.8	115.4	115.8
Dairy products and ice cream.....do....	107.2	106.1	110.9	113.6	r112.6	112.5
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do....	107.9	108.1	106.4	106.4	r105.6	105.6
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	75.3	75.7	85.7	82.7	r81.5	84.8
Commodities other than farm products and foods.....do....	119.8	120.4	123.6	124.2	r124.7	125.2
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	106.6	106.3	107.7	108.2	108.3	108.7
Chemicals, industrial.....do....	119.4	120.0	122.6	122.5	r122.5	123.5
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do....	109.3	111.0	111.7	111.2	r114.0	115.9
Petroleum and products.....do....	115.6	117.2	118.3	117.5	120.9	124.4
Furniture, other household durables.....do....	117.3	118.0	121.0	121.1	r121.2	121.8
Appliances, household.....do....	105.8	105.6	106.5	106.9	r105.9	106.5
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	96.7	96.7	99.7	99.8	r99.2	98.4
Lumber and wood products.....do....	125.1	126.3	122.0	121.5	r121.0	121.4
Lumber.....do....	126.4	127.6	123.6	123.1	r122.5	122.6

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. */ Data for 3rd quarter 1956. 1/ Goods to users, including raw foods and fuels.

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ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
COMMODITY PRICES - Continued						
Wholesale price index - Continued						
Commodities other than farm products and foods - Continued						
Machinery and motive products.....1947-49=100..	133.0	133.3	141.1	143.4	r143.6	143.9
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	132.1	132.4	143.2	145.2	r145.4	146.0
Motor vehicles.....do....	126.7	126.7	130.8	134.2	134.3	134.3
Metals and metal products.....do....	143.9	145.1	152.2	152.1	r152.3	152.4
Iron and steel.....do....	147.2	149.4	161.1	162.5	163.3	164.3
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do....	125.4	127.0	131.5	131.2	131.3	131.9
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	123.6	124.8	128.1	127.8	r128.0	128.6
Paper.....do....	132.6	134.6	139.1	139.2	139.2	139.3
Rubber and products.....do....	151.0	148.4	145.8	146.9	147.9	144.6
Textile products and apparel.....do....	95.6	95.7	95.3	95.4	95.6	95.8
Apparel.....do....	99.1	99.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	121.7	121.7	123.1	123.5	123.6	124.0
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Engineering construction:						
Contract awards (ENR) 1/.....mil. of dol..	1,693	1,593	1,878	1,736	1,590	1,664
New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, privately and publicly owned.....thousands..	76.2	75.0	r93.6	80.0	64.0	65.0
Privately owned, total.....do....	73.5	73.7	r91.2	79.6	63.6	62.2
In metropolitan areas.....do....	53.6	53.6	r63.4	54.1	44.9	44.2
Publicly owned.....do....	2.7	1.3	r2.4	.4	.4	2.8
Seasonally adjusted at annual rate:						
Privately owned, total.....do....	1,192.0	1,195.0	r1,052.0	1,060.0	1,030.0	1,010.0
Construction cost indexes:						
American Appraisal Co., The, average, 30 cities...1913=100..	619	622	642	644	647	649
Atlanta.....do....	666	667	696	696	699	702
New York.....do....	643	644	681	681	687	701
San Francisco.....do....	580	582	596	595	594	594
St. Louis.....do....	609	629	636	635	638	640
Associated General Contractors (all types).....do....	446	452	470	470	470	472
Engineering News-Record: Building 2/.....1947-49=100..	142.1	142.9	148.0	147.9	148.5	149.1
Construction 2/.....do....	149.3	150.2	155.4	155.4	156.3	157.1
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	48,377	53,751	52,188	r42,946	45,227	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	109,530	111,943	94,508	r106,316	115,949	.....
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do....	90,319	93,522	88,158	83,514	93,764	.....
Consumption.....do....	76,026	78,480	82,023	r71,526	73,278	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	136,319	141,732	197,788	r199,334	202,518	.....
Tires and tubes:						
Pneumatic casings:						
Production.....thousands..	8,478	8,979	8,799	7,641	8,556	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	7,515	8,203	7,776	7,518	7,548	.....
Original equipment.....do....	4,045	3,402	2,908	3,516	3,579	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	18,778	19,517	18,775	18,803	19,872	.....
Inner tubes:						
Production.....do....	2,719	2,917	3,025	2,585	2,670	.....
Shipments.....do....	2,686	3,608	2,877	2,792	2,837	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	6,833	6,294	6,469	6,250	6,109	.....

r/ Revised. 1/ Data for December 1955, November 1956, and January 1957, are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 2/ Data reported at the beginning of each month are shown here for the previous month.
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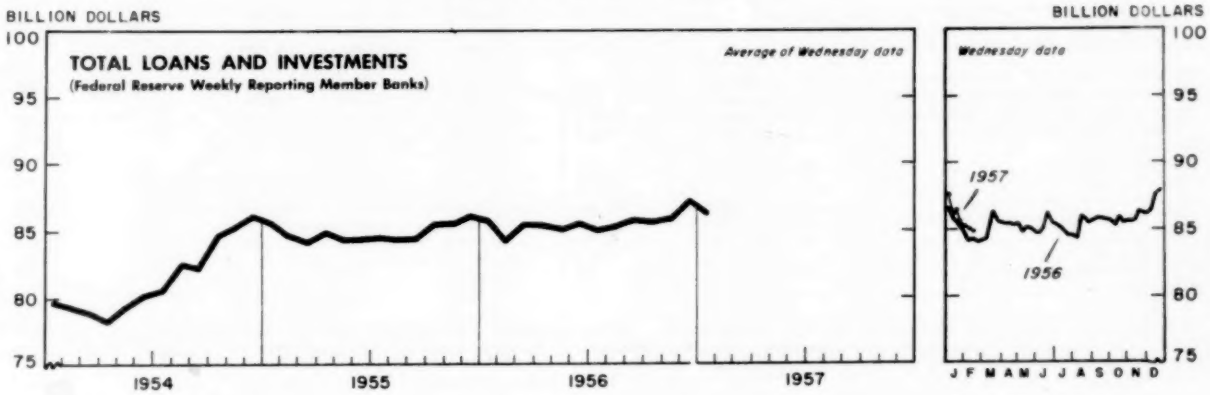

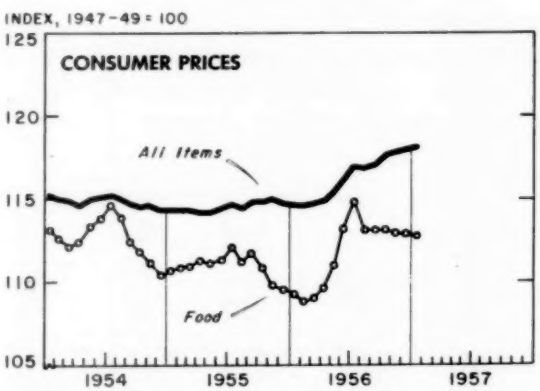

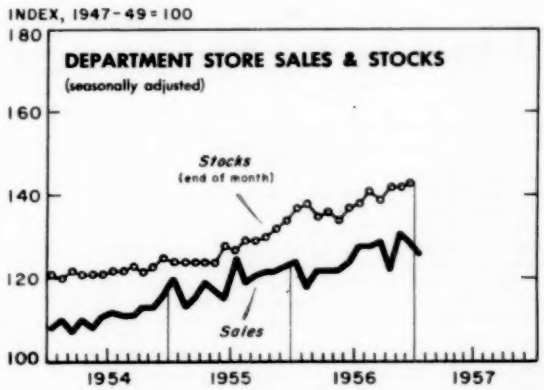

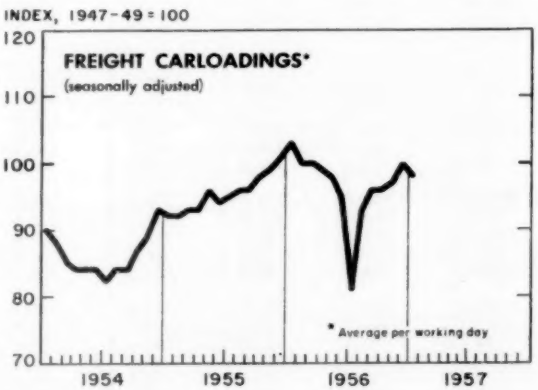

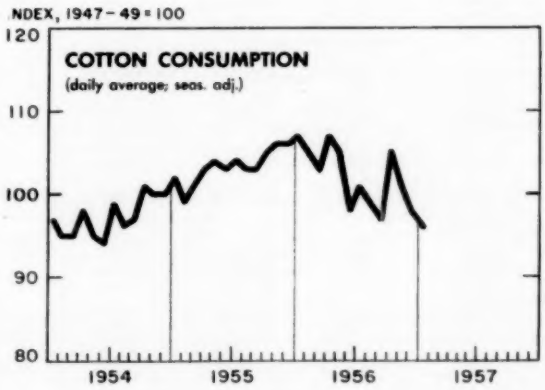

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*112.4	.....	117.1	117.0	116.9
Farm products.....do....	.....	*86.0	.....	89.3	88.8	88.5
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*99.0	.....	104.6	104.0	103.7
All other.....do....	.....	*120.6	.....	125.3	125.5	125.4
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.6	88.5	90.7	89.7	**89.0	88.5
Department store sales.....do....	95	97	93	101	102	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,624	1,683	1,883	1,858	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,482	1,536	1,747	1,722	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,247	30,210	30,607	30,595	30,641	30,605
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,174	25,360	25,087	25,146	24,997	24,764
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,693	18,749	18,918	18,920	18,808	18,895
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	549	574	309	378	471	505
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,391	56,106	58,076	56,874	56,423	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,428	21,452	22,401	22,470	22,500	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,310	84,072	85,297	85,069	84,828	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	28,452	28,395	26,101	25,921	25,672	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	26,301	26,271	30,260	30,162	30,257	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,197	8,194	8,790	8,770	8,782	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	252	230	320	287	317	300
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.27	3.27	4.01	4.01	3.99	3.98
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.1935-39=100..	321.0	325.7	330.2	323.2	318.3	323.9
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	368.5	374.5	382.4	373.5	367.6	374.8
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,675	1,662	1,463	1,621	1,625	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,321	11,277	12,322	12,019	11,946	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	151,547	148,210	163,504	170,120	169,959	162,498
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,116	7,184	7,422	7,461	7,515	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,433	2,433	2,498	2,485	2,501	2,504
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#98.8	#98.8	97.6	97.1	97.7	97.8
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	698	687	648	665	676	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	363	364	344	344	349	.....

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Business incorporations:						
New incorporations (48 States).....number..	11,539	13,363	11,546	9,749	10,788	14,632
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....do....	908	1,048	1,158	999	982	1,148
Commercial service.....do....	73	72	82	86	83	71
Construction.....do....	136	126	182	171	183	177
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	191	209	198	166	172	197
Retail trade.....do....	404	535	584	482	472	612
Wholesale trade.....do....	104	106	112	94	72	91
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	41,643	42,890	50,004	39,886	50,279	54,060
Commercial service.....do....	1,106	2,974	3,629	1,854	3,780	4,086
Construction.....do....	7,341	6,163	11,145	11,099	8,149	10,672
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	11,554	14,442	17,345	11,714	21,785	16,105
Retail trade.....do....	10,775	14,936	12,368	11,476	10,946	17,862
Wholesale trade.....do....	10,867	4,375	5,517	3,743	5,619	5,335
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index, all items.....1947-49=100..	114.7	114.6	117.7	117.8	118.0	1/118.2
Apparel.....do....	104.7	104.1	106.8	107.0	107.0	106.4
Food.....do....	109.5	109.2	113.1	112.9	112.9	112.8
Dairy products.....do....	107.7	107.3	110.7	111.1	111.3	111.2
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	110.7	112.6	113.9	115.8	117.4	116.9
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	94.6	93.3	100.8	98.8	98.0	99.0
Housing.....do....	120.8	120.6	122.8	123.0	123.5	123.8
Gas and electricity.....do....	111.5	111.7	112.0	111.8	112.0	112.3
Housefurnishings.....do....	103.4	102.0	103.6	103.8	104.1	104.0
Rent.....do....	131.1	131.4	133.4	133.8	134.2	134.2
Medical care.....do....	130.2	130.7	134.1	134.5	134.7	135.3
Personal care.....do....	117.9	118.5	120.8	121.4	121.8	122.1
Reading and recreation.....do....	106.8	107.3	108.5	109.0	109.3	109.9
Transportation.....do....	127.3	126.8	132.6	133.2	133.1	133.6
Private.....do....	117.8	117.0	122.9	123.5	123.3	123.8
Public.....do....	167.8	170.3	173.0	173.4	174.1	174.9
Other goods and services.....do....	120.6	120.8	123.0	123.2	123.3	123.8

1/ Index based on 1935-39=100 is 197.6.

ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
COMMODITY PRICES - Continued						
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....1947-49=100..	89.8	89.4	86.5	86.3	86.0	1/85.5
Consumer prices.....do....	87.2	87.3	85.0	84.9	84.7	1/84.6
Retail food prices.....do....	91.3	91.6	88.4	88.6	88.6	1/88.7
FINANCE						
Life insurance (Institute of Life Insurance):						
Assets, total, all U.S. life insurance companies mil. of dol..	90,219	90,842	94,869	95,274	95,819	.....
Bonds (book value), domestic and foreign, total....do....	47,690	47,967	48,970	48,983	49,058	.....
U. S. Government.....do....	8,546	8,393	7,850	7,749	7,532	.....
State, county, municipal (U. S.).....do....	1,998	2,125	2,218	2,229	2,237	.....
Public utility (U. S.).....do....	13,533	13,579	13,914	13,963	13,997	.....
Railroad (U. S.).....do....	3,847	3,840	3,845	3,842	3,839	.....
Industrial and miscellaneous (U. S.).....do....	17,292	17,522	18,537	18,581	18,807	.....
Stocks (book value), domestic and foreign, total...do....	2,923	2,930	2,962	2,970	2,906	.....
Preferred (U. S.).....do....	1,720	1,719	1,700	1,701	1,634	.....
Common (U. S.).....do....	1,192	1,199	1,247	1,254	1,257	.....
Mortgage loans, total.....do....	29,433	29,800	32,399	32,709	33,017	.....
Nonfarm.....do....	27,166	27,526	29,938	30,243	30,546	.....
Real estate.....do....	2,557	2,568	2,778	2,813	2,809	.....
Policy loans and premium notes.....do....	3,293	3,307	3,461	3,483	3,503	.....
Cash.....do....	1,254	1,167	1,093	1,109	1,273	.....
Other assets.....do....	3,069	3,103	3,206	3,207	3,253	.....
Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries, estimated total.....mil. of dol..	555.7	522.8	516.6	473.1	590.9	.....
Death benefits.....do....	209.2	204.9	223.2	197.5	209.0	.....
Matured endowments.....do....	56.9	59.3	57.7	56.3	63.7	.....
Disability payments.....do....	9.5	10.2	9.9	9.1	8.9	.....
Annuity payments.....do....	38.2	54.4	45.5	44.1	38.1	.....
Surrender values.....do....	78.8	76.9	95.8	86.0	94.9	.....
Policy dividends.....do....	163.0	117.1	84.5	80.1	176.3	.....
Turnover of demand deposits except interbank and U. S. Government, annual rate:						
New York City.....ratio of debits to deposits..	51.3	45.7	45.2	48.3	51.8	48.3
6 other centers.....do....	28.1	29.5	28.4	31.0	p30.0	p29.9
337 other reporting centers.....do....	21.6	21.7	22.1	23.6	p23.6	p22.5
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	47,771	49.619	49,343	46,853	49,737	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do....	80,027	77,404	70,277	75,122	90,378	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	1,606	1,225	1,356	1,488	1,618	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	9,633	9,539	11,707	12,201	14,456	.....
DDT.....thous. of lb..	10,991	11,592	10,949	10,641	11,201	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do....	7,636	9,360	10,171	8,285	8,306	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do....	82,575	90,684	95,494	90,119	95,181	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do....	107,479	111,691	119,056	116,914	107,918	.....
Methanol:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	196	206	189	156	172	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do....	19,675	19,020	20,004	19,408	21,312	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	29,749	30,522	27,002	25,041	27,093	.....
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	4,041	3,508	3,837	3,374	3,724	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	7,705	6,492	9,390	9,291	8,452	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	428	519	396	365	317	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do....	433	450	564	551	472	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	43,044	43,407	43,493	40,145	35,206	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	47,434	47,002	48,789	44,467	41,794	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	24,206	26,411	25,691	24,269	21,370	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	61,285	66,890	67,176	65,900	67,870	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	35,689	32,409	35,383	34,509	27,874	.....
Rosin modifications.....do....	10,617	10,823	10,908	11,553	10.024	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	5,552	5,510	6,473	6,542	6,139	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	40,610	42,721	49,110	51,421	51,413	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	12,085	14,121	13,363	13,977	13,679	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Distilled spirits, consumption for beverage purposes thous. of wine gal..	r23,847	13,371	22,321	20,865	25,159	.....
Wines and distilling materials:						
Effervescent wines:						
Production.....do....	200	139	205	188	162	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	279	131	276	272	261	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	1,257	1,246	1,648	1,547	1,418	.....
Still wines:						
Production.....do....	r10,075	3,201	71,849	24,070	3,912	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	r12,966	r10,895	14,615	13,879	11,953	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	207,556	197,957	202,848	210,541	198,721	.....
Distilling materials produced at wineries.....do....	28,397	6,220	142,607	41,839	6,075	.....

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ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
FOODSTUFFS - Continued						
Stocks, cold storage, end of month:						
Butter, creamery.....thous. of lb..	163,136	131,664	62,261	39,640	r25,103	29,225
Cheese, total.....do....	518,885	496,746	489,385	454,729	r441,082	414,197
Apples, fresh.....thous. of bu..	27,321	20,618	38,090	33,933	r26,578	20,168
Frozen fruits, juices and vegetables:						
Fruits.....thous. of lb..	420,092	389,245	483,068	467,046	r450,967	419,917
Fruit juices.....do....	249,910	321,536	354,871	303,742	r294,282	391,736
Vegetables.....do....	624,049	558,178	914,895	905,439	r857,942	783.314
Meats, total.....mil. of lb..	777	858	449	591	r677	1/615
Beef and veal.....thous. of lb..	224,391	230,316	163,026	220,008	r263,929	247,173
Lamb and mutton.....do....	10,630	10,566	11,203	11,016	r11,590	10,261
Pork, excluding lard.....do....	420,816	481,602	167,955	248,637	r279,768	289,044
Poultry (frozen).....do....	228,378	214,723	361,756	368,378	r332,817	328,999
Eggs, frozen.....do....	74,354	50,525	131,547	108,684	r86,807	74,860
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins..	807	874	738	r737	722	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips..	2,255	2,202	2,275	r2,193	1,988	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	2,212	2,251	2,198	r1,820	1,663	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,328	2,212	2,202	r2,113	1,766	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Pig iron, production.....thous. of short tons..	6,954	7,050	7,316	7,036	7,335	7,282
Machine tools (metal-cutting types):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	151.30	109.55	66.10	64.25	57.20	p63.00
Domestic.....do....	137.40	96.70	57.55	58.70	51.90	p56.10
Shipments, total.....do....	70.30	54.60	89.75	81.70	85.15	p76.60
Domestic.....do....	64.40	49.40	79.85	73.60	75.05	p67.75
Estimated backlog.....months..	7.6	8.4	7.2	6.7	6.2	p6.1
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton: 2/						
Consumption.....bales..	852,135	r750,282	732,319	880,549	631,507	840,567
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....thousands..	r20,991	r20,998	20,343	20,289	20,237	20,231
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	19,440	19,399	18,839	18,786	18,736	18,725
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total...mil. of hr..	r11,820	r10,311	9,847	11,952	8,681	11,600
Average per working day.....do....	r473	516	492	478	434	580
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	10,992	9,577	9,162	11,145	8,062	10,790
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:						
Freight cars:						
Shipments, total.....number..	3,814	4,199	5,666	6,740	7,260	7,822
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	2,714	2,981	3,728	4,367	4,272	4,686
Domestic.....do....	2,696	2,981	3,728	4,322	4,272	4,686
Railroad shops, domestic.....do....	1,100	1,218	1,938	2,373	2,988	3,136
Passenger cars, equipment manufacturers:						
Orders unfilled, end of month, total.....do....	860	903	706	791	842	840
Domestic.....do....	851	884	684	679	724	728
Shipments, total.....do....	39	42	26	5	9	9
Domestic.....do....	39	42	25	5	5	3

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Excludes stocks of sausage and sausage room products and edible offal. 2/ Data for December 1955, November 1956, and January 1957 cover 5 weeks, other months, 4 weeks.

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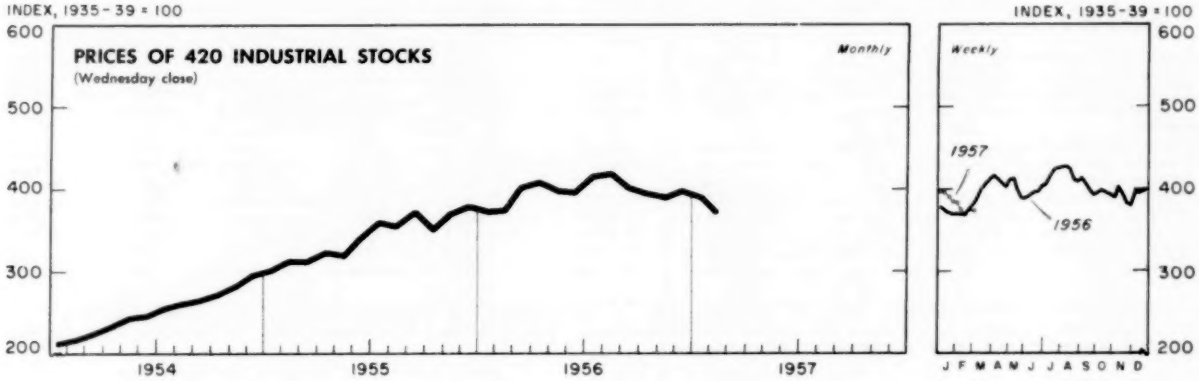

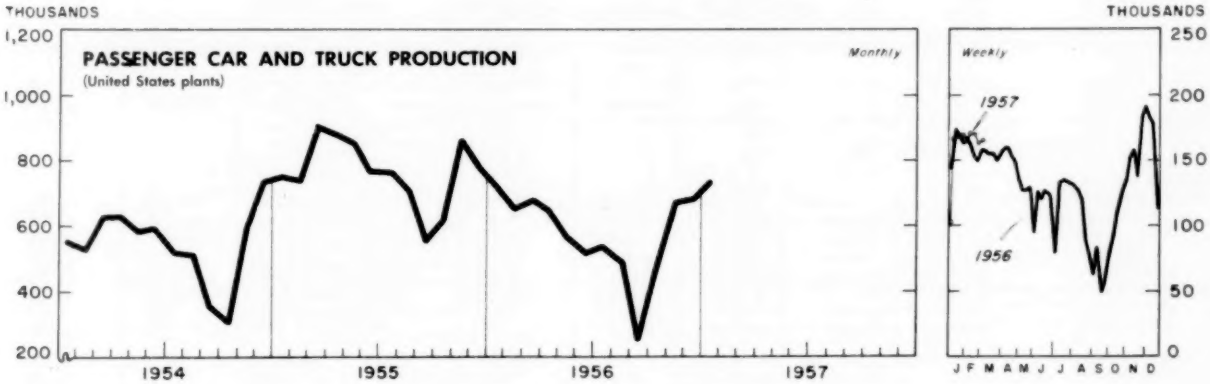

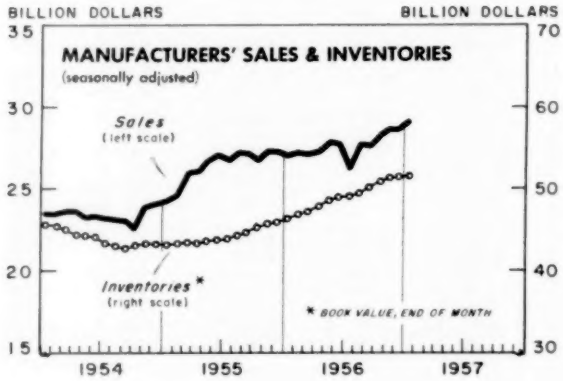

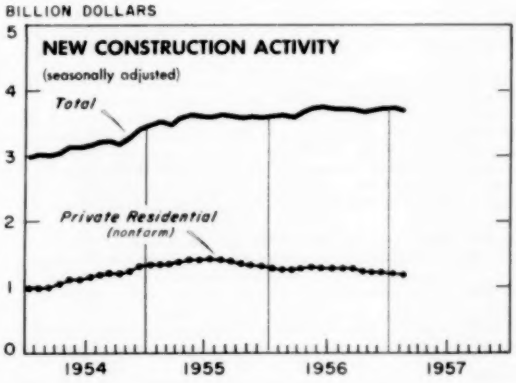

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Feb. 25	Mar. 3	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Mar. 2
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*112.4	117.1	117.0	116.9	116.8
Farm products.....do....	.....	*86.0	89.3	88.8	88.5	88.3
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*99.0	104.6	104.0	103.7	103.6
All other.....do....	.....	*120.6	125.3	125.5	125.4	125.4
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.5	89.0	89.7	**89.0	88.5	88.0
Department store sales.....do....	97	104	101	102	100	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,683	1,661	1,858	1,867	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,536	1,520	1,722	1,734	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,210	30,181	30,595	30,641	30,605	30,544
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,360	25,089	25,146	24,997	24,764	24,813
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,749	18,596	18,920	18,808	18,895	18,683
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	574	459	378	471	505	369
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,105	56,230	56,874	56,423	56,291	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,472	21,493	22,470	22,500	22,562	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,072	84,190	85,069	84,828	85,070	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	28,395	28,272	25,921	25,672	25,809	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	26,271	26,346	30,162	30,257	30,353	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,194	8,224	8,770	8,782	8,767	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	230	293	287	317	300	284
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.27	3.27	4.01	3.99	3.98	3.98
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.1935-39=100..	325.7	331.5	323.2	318.3	323.9	322.3
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	374.5	382.3	373.5	367.6	374.8	372.6
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,662	1,647	1,621	1,625	1,642	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,277	11,199	12,019	11,946	11,920	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	148,210	157,532	170,120	169,959	162,280	164,735
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,183	7,156	7,461	7,515	7,567	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,433	2,459	2,485	2,501	2,504	2,456
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#98.8	#99.9	97.1	97.7	97.8	96.0
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	687	711	665	676	627	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	364	378	344	349	326	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning March 4, 1957: Production, 2,429 thous. short tons; operating rate, 94.9 percent. * Monthly index for February 1956. ** Wednesday price. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	26,967	26,363	30,237	28,747	r27,825	28,753
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,716	13,112	14,953	14,469	r14,188	14,355
Primary metal.....do....	2,433	2,428	2,603	2,473	r2,353	2,544
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,306	1,343	1,666	1,510	r1,311	1,442
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,777	3,503	4,292	4,039	r4,232	4,061
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	3,529	3,166	3,049	3,647	r3,869	3,782
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,045	1,050	1,198	1,029	r889	978
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	613	560	860	720	r593	632
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,251	13,251	15,284	14,278	r13,637	14,398
Food and beverage.....do....	4,016	3,962	4,663	4,376	r4,256	4,447
Tobacco.....do....	327	306	366	353	r345	337
Textile.....do....	1,115	1,078	1,345	1,184	r1,068	1,117
Paper.....do....	838	883	983	910	r822	925
Chemical.....do....	1,801	1,977	2,193	1,995	r1,907	2,126
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,695	2,549	2,591	2,655	r2,801	2,912
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	27,289	27,023	28,329	28,707	r28,684	29,073
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,688	13,595	14,199	14,321	r14,507	14,567
Primary metal.....do....	2,341	2,369	2,529	2,475	r2,348	2,448
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,375	1,399	1,461	1,541	r1,457	1,457
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,648	3,691	4,115	4,162	r4,125	4,237
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	3,460	3,194	3,181	3,387	r3,862	3,751
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,124	1,141	1,079	1,039	r999	1,020
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	674	659	717	706	r682	710
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,601	13,428	14,130	14,386	r14,177	14,506
Food and beverage.....do....	4,095	4,066	4,311	4,342	r4,355	4,573
Tobacco.....do....	337	329	342	350	r363	355
Textile.....do....	1,126	1,100	1,140	1,184	r1,148	1,095
Paper.....do....	873	866	936	910	r874	907
Chemical.....do....	1,959	1,931	2,081	2,095	r2,086	2,071
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,495	2,475	2,565	2,682	r2,593	2,827

r/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown separately.

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ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	46,123	46,704	50,418	50,979	r51,596	51,869
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	26,235	26,726	29,098	29,497	r29,819	29,918
Primary metal.....do....	3,603	3,576	4,133	4,249	r4,354	4,347
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,658	2,718	2,886	2,917	r2,941	2,939
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,412	8,700	9,802	9,961	r10,002	10,128
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).do....	6,624	6,749	7,331	7,415	r7,455	7,416
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,855	1,871	1,784	1,775	r1,800	1,782
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	956	985	978	1,005	r1,047	1,084
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	19,888	19,978	21,320	21,482	r21,777	21,951
Food and beverage.....do....	4,584	4,502	4,892	4,957	r4,899	4,879
Tobacco.....do....	1,867	1,938	1,830	1,865	r1,927	2,081
Textile.....do....	2,422	2,460	2,559	2,579	r2,625	2,626
Paper.....do....	1,063	1,080	1,207	1,220	r1,258	1,271
Chemical.....do....	3,280	3,300	3,636	3,686	r3,783	3,830
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,758	2,699	3,196	3,151	r3,154	3,028
Book value (adjusted), total.....do....	45,923	46,299	50,830	51,355	r51,397	51,448
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	26,317	26,590	29,408	29,925	r29,935	29,779
Primary metal.....do....	3,494	3,519	4,037	4,128	r4,226	4,281
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,740	2,718	3,006	3,039	r3,064	2,969
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,494	8,678	9,979	10,159	r10,100	10,106
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).do....	6,603	6,711	7,308	7,511	r7,427	7,356
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,837	1,871	1,820	1,811	r1,782	1,782
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	956	966	1,029	1,058	r1,047	1,063
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	19,606	19,709	21,422	21,430	r21,462	21,669
Food and beverage.....do....	4,382	4,372	4,696	4,715	r4,676	4,706
Tobacco.....do....	1,795	1,828	1,812	1,847	r1,853	1,963
Textile.....do....	2,471	2,485	2,611	2,632	r2,679	2,653
Paper.....do....	1,052	1,069	1,232	1,232	r1,246	1,271
Chemical.....do....	3,199	3,248	3,740	3,703	r3,689	3,758
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,731	2,754	3,133	3,089	r3,123	3,122
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders,net (unadjusted), total.....do....	28,684	27,468	29,683	29,083	r28,241	28,645
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	15,478	14,307	14,247	14,741	r14,534	14,404
Primary metal.....do....	2,629	2,482	2,401	2,615	r2,447	2,398
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,430	1,328	1,583	1,386	r1,413	1,391
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,268	3,866	4,393	4,072	r4,184	4,173
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles)...do....	4,634	3,730	2,774	4,015	r4,336	3,820
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,206	13,161	15,436	14,342	r13,707	14,241
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	29,295	28,074	28,906	29,429	r28,837	28,838
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	15,605	14,683	14,591	15,130	r14,544	14,346
Primary metal.....do....	2,528	2,387	2,475	2,672	r2,423	2,306
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,589	1,398	1,583	1,540	r1,570	1,496
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,118	3,806	4,445	4,436	r4,054	4,203
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles)...do....	4,634	4,191	3,082	3,718	r4,130	3,820
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,690	13,391	14,315	14,299	r14,293	14,492
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total....do....	55,491	56,596	61,654	61,990	r62,406	62,298
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	52,119	53,314	58,824	59,096	r59,442	59,491
Primary metal.....do....	7,038	7,092	7,497	7,639	r7,733	7,587
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,089	4,074	4,502	4,378	r4,480	4,429
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	16,204	16,567	19,185	19,218	r19,170	19,282
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles)...do....	20,682	21,246	23,211	23,579	r24,046	24,084
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,372	3,282	2,830	2,894	r2,964	2,807
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Television advertising:						
Cost of facilities, total.....thous. of dol..	39,399	38,898	r45,467	r44,079	44,762	.....
Automotive, including accessories.....do....	5,399	5,475	r4,187	r4,950	4,775	.....
Drugs and toiletries.....do....	8,782	9,653	r12,971	r11,430	12,424	.....
Foods, soft drinks, confectionery.....do....	8,427	8,181	8,489	8,870	9,035	.....
Soaps, cleansers, etc.....do....	4,432	4,569	5,421	5,108	5,266	.....
Smoking materials.....do....	3,869	3,557	3,354	r3,408	3,796	.....
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	48,500	47,988	55,165	51,671	54,232	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	21,510	16,756	25,111	22,803	23,344	.....
Mail, ton-miles flown.....do....	10,077	7,145	7,892	7,522	10,482	.....
Passengers carried, revenue.....do....	2,724	2,810	3,421	3,040	2,913	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	1,578	1,653	1,879	1,656	1,765	.....
ELECTRIC POWER						
Electric power:						
Production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	57,986	58,092	58,445	57,820	60,055	62,938
Electric utilities.....do....	50,815	51,120	51,129	50,645	52,875	55,503
Industrial establishments.....do....	7,171	6,972	7,316	7,175	7,180	7,435

r/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.
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ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	226	227	234	237	238	234
Crops.....do....	231	233	239	240	239	233
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	248	264	264	277	249	225
Cotton.....do....	259	262	270	262	256	255
Feed grains and hay.....do....	171	173	182	185	187	181
Food grains.....do....	220	220	232	234	236	235
Fruit.....do....	225	212	218	216	227	221
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	236	239	262	264	266	260
Potatoes 1/.....do....	161	175	154	158	162	153
Tobacco.....do....	452	452	443	461	457	458
Livestock and products.....do....	221	220	230	234	237	234
Dairy products.....do....	261	257	277	275	269	266
Meat animals.....do....	207	215	231	239	254	249
Poultry and eggs.....do....	205	188	164	165	155	157
Wool.....do....	220	226	249	256	262	267
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	260	259	267	268	269	271
Family living items.....do....	272	272	281	283	283	284
Production items.....do....	246	245	252	252	255	256
All commod.,services,int.,taxes, and wage rates....do....	281	280	289	290	292	294
Parity ratio.....do....	80	81	81	82	82	80
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	2,947	2,821	3,800	3,370	r3,051	2,883
Private, total.....do....	2,176	2,088	2,666	2,472	r2,188	2,083
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,080	998	1,313	1,202	r1,017	934
New dwelling units.....do....	980	895	1,145	1,060	r900	820
Additions and alterations.....do....	70	73	126	102	r79	77
Nonresidential building, total 2/.....do....	650	648	794	768	719	696
Industrial.....do....	223	225	271	270	268	264
Commercial.....do....	251	252	288	272	244	234
Farm construction.....do....	97	101	103	90	91	96
Public utility.....do....	341	334	445	402	350	346
Public, total.....do....	771	733	1,134	898	r863	800
Nonresidential building.....do....	293	284	338	311	r331	304
Military facilities.....do....	87	82	118	108	r93	86
Highway.....do....	215	200	420	250	220	205
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,625	3,636	3,699	3,729	r3,740	3,708
Private, total.....do....	2,505	2,522	2,551	2,542	r2,500	2,497
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,287	1,280	1,239	1,239	r1,211	1,197
Nonresidential building, total 2/.....do....	662	687	755	748	728	731
Farm construction.....do....	130	129	121	120	121	123
Public utility.....do....	416	418	424	423	427	433
Public,total.....do....	1,120	1,114	1,148	1,187	r1,240	1,211
Nonresidential building.....do....	334	338	357	350	r376	362
Highway.....do....	470	447	417	455	489	466
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	127.1	127.8	132.6	132.8	133.0	.....

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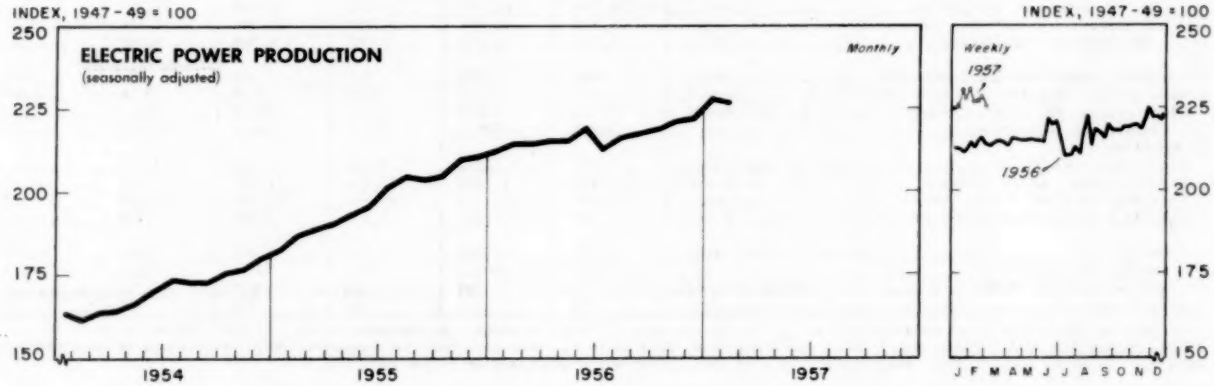

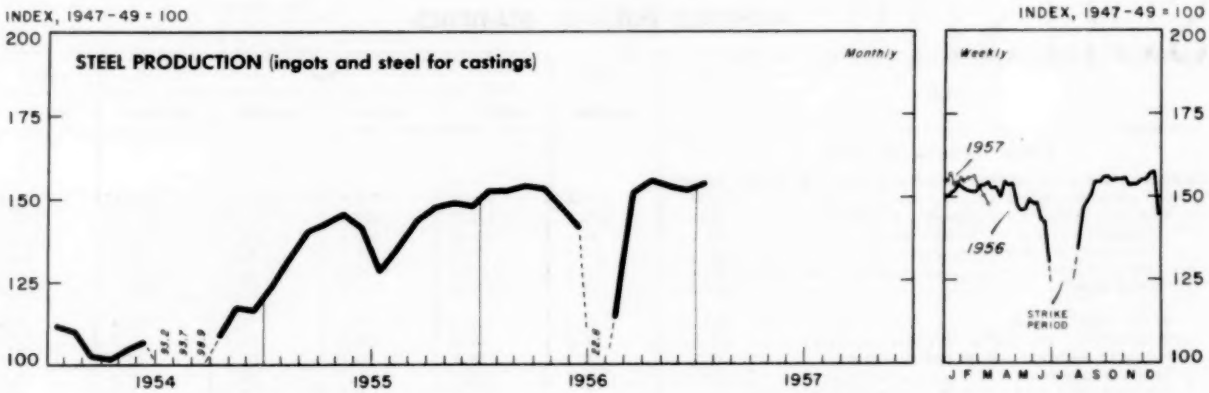

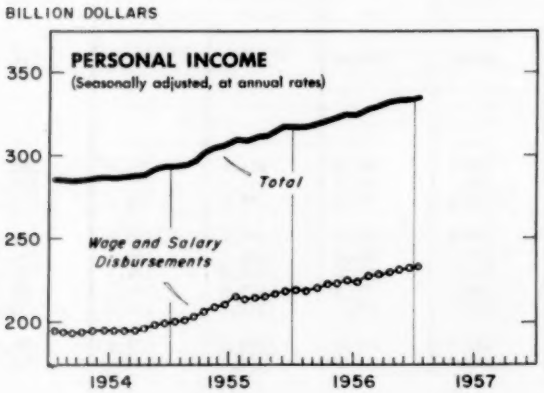

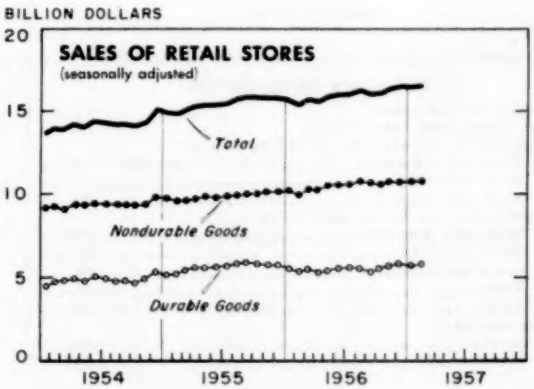

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Mar. 2	Mar. 9
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*112.4	117.0	116.9	116.9	116.8
Farm products.....do....	.....	*86.0	88.8	88.5	88.3	88.5
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*99.0	104.0	103.7	103.6	103.6
All other.....do....	.....	*120.6	125.5	125.4	125.4	125.4
22 commodities 2/.....do....	89.0	89.3	**89.0	88.5	88.0	88.6
Department store sales.....do....	104	109	102	100	100	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,661	1,642	***1.875	1,817	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,520	1,504	1,737	1,679	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,181	30,201	30,641	30,605	30,543	30,565
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,089	25,118	24,997	24,764	24,813	24,871
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,596	18,670	18,808	18,895	18,683	18,721
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	459	533	471	505	425	428
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,230	56,417	56,423	56,214	56,370	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,493	21,510	22,500	22,568	22,621	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,190	84,338	84,828	85,069	85,038	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	28,272	28,157	25,672	25,809	25,723	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	26,346	26,484	30,257	30,347	30,314	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,224	8,254	8,782	8,766	8,762	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	293	268	317	300	284	327
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.27	3.27	3.99	3.98	3.98	3.97
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.1935-39=100..	331.5	337.3	318.3	323.9	322.3	.....
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	382.3	389.2	367.6	374.8	372.6	.....
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,647	1,588	1,625	1,642	1,633	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,199	11,133	11,946	11,920	11,791	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	157,532	157,104	169,959	162,280	162,105	161,173
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,146	7,162	7,515	7,567	7,519	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,459	2,462	2,501	2,504	2,456	2,411
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#99.9	#100.0	97.7	97.8	96.0	94.2
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	711	698	676	627	704	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	378	373	349	326	326	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning March 11, 1957: Production, 2,373 thous. short tons; operating rate, 92.7 percent. *Monthly index for February 1956. **Wednesday price. ***Revised data for preceding week: 1,853. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source, seasonally adj., at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol.	317.5	316.7	332.5	333.5	r334.0	335.2
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	218.2	219.0	229.7	231.0	r232.9	233.0
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	94.5	94.8	100.6	101.1	r102.3	101.8
Distributive industries.....do....	57.6	57.9	60.2	60.6	60.9	61.4
Service industries.....do....	29.4	29.5	30.9	31.1	r31.3	31.2
Government.....do....	36.7	36.8	38.0	38.2	r38.4	38.6
Other labor income.....do....	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	49.2	49.4	52.3	51.7	51.2	51.2
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	30.2	28.5	30.2	30.3	29.2	30.6
Transfer payments.....do....	18.0	18.2	18.9	19.1	r19.3	19.6
Less personal contributions for social insurance...do....	5.4	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.7
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	302.8	301.6	316.3	317.9	r318.8	320.0
COMMODITY PRICES						
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S. Dept. of Commerce index).1935-39=100..	208.1	207.6	213.4	213.8	213.9	214.1
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Construction cost index:						
E. H. Boeckh and Associates:						
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	270.1	271.2	281.0	281.4	281.9	282.7
Brick and steel.....do....	266.1	267.1	276.9	277.3	277.7	278.3
Brick and wood.....do....	267.3	268.4	277.0	277.3	277.4	277.9
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do....	278.1	279.4	289.2	289.6	290.2	291.3
Brick and steel.....do....	275.3	276.3	288.8	289.1	289.6	290.3
Brick and wood.....do....	265.7	267.2	276.0	276.3	276.5	277.4
Frame.....do....	267.3	268.1	275.3	275.5	275.5	275.4
Steel.....do....	260.8	261.3	275.1	276.1	276.4	276.8
Residences:						
Brick.....do....	268.0	269.1	277.4	277.6	277.8	278.3
Frame.....do....	261.9	262.7	270.3	270.6	270.6	270.7

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CORRECTION for page S-2 of February 1957 issue of the Survey of Current Business: Poultry and eggs component of the farm income and marketings series for December 1956 should read 321 instead of 371 (mil. of dol.).

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ITEM	1956 January	1956 February	1956 November	1956 December	1957 January	1957 February
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE - Continued						
Engineering construction:						
Contract awards (ENR) 1/.....mil. of dol..	1,593	1,781	1,736	1,590	1,664	1,436
Construction cost indexes:						
Associated General Contractors (all types).....1913=100..	452	452	470	470	472	472
Engineering News-Record: Building 2/.....1947-49=100..	142.9	142.9	147.9	148.5	r148.6	148.3
Construction 2/.....do....	150.2	150.2	155.4	156.3	r156.7	156.4
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores: 3/						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	13,866	13,686	16,639	19,532	r14,889	14,190
Durable-goods stores:						
Automotive group.....do....	2,744	2,812	2,907	3,122	r2,996	2,961
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	761	757	1,003	1,194	r776	735
Nondurable-goods stores:						
Apparel group.....do....	721	667	1,095	1,694	r785	686
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	459	451	470	632	488	468
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,084	1,041	1,158	1,201	r1,096	1,039
Food group.....do....	3,517	3,446	4,024	4,204	r3,838	3,618
Gasoline service stations.....do....	1,012	983	1,184	1,182	r1,137	1,074
General-merchandise group.....do....	1,278	1,271	2,030	3,033	r1,328	1,250
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	15,658	15,346	16,358	16,491	16,439	16,492
Durable-goods stores.....do....	5,456	5,354	5,664	5,814	5,706	5,754
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	10,202	9,992	10,694	10,677	10,733	10,738
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....do....	22,790	23,840	24,750	r22,400	22,890	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	10,870	11,330	10,450	r9,940	10,400	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	11,920	12,510	14,300	r12,460	12,490	.....
Adjusted, total.....do....	24,080	24,210	23,490	r23,860	24,030	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	11,390	11,450	10,420	r10,700	10,790	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,690	12,760	13,070	r13,160	13,240	.....
Department store sales, United States total:						
Unadjusted index.....1947-49=100..	95	92	158	r222	p96	p96
Adjusted index.....do....	124	118	131	129	p125	p124
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	9,360	9,540	11,160	10,570	10,300	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	3,120	3,230	3,670	3,410	3,330	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,240	6,310	7,490	7,160	6,970	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	12,480	12,570	13,640	13,310	13,190	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	6,280	6,470	6,590	6,540	6,660	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,200	6,100	7,050	6,770	6,530	.....
EMPLOYMENT						
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	3.3	3.1	3.0	r2.3	p3.1	.....
Separation rate, total.....do....	3.6	3.6	3.3	2.8	p3.3	.....
Discharge.....do....	.3	.3	.3	.2	p.2	.....
Lay-off.....do....	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.4	p1.5	.....
Quit.....do....	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.0	p1.3	.....
Military and miscellaneous.....do....	.2	.2	.2	.2	p.3	.....
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	37,848	37,474	40,631	41,863	40,916	.....
Installment credit, total.....do....	28,886	28,915	31,024	31,552	31,298	.....
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	2,885	2,918	3,387	3,735	3,154	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	3,019	2,889	3,174	3,207	3,408	.....
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	r3,432	r3,317	3,453	3,368	3,613	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	r3,107	r2,946	3,160	3,185	3,385	.....
Bonds:						
Prices:						
Average price of all listed bonds (N.Y.S.E.) .... dollars..	98.00	97.82	92.14	91.59	93.33	.....
Domestic.....do....	98.31	98.08	92.42	91.91	93.69	.....
Foreign.....do....	78.79	79.52	75.09	71.94	73.00	.....
Industrial, utility, and railroad (All issues), composite (Standard and Poor's Corporation)...dol. per $100 bond..	113.3	113.9	103.7	102.8	102.8	.....
Domestic municipal (Stand. and Poor's Corp.).....do....	121.3	122.4	109.0	108.1	108.6	110.9
Value, issues listed on New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value, all issues .....mil. of dol..	105,598	105,444	99,382	99,022	100,951	.....
Domestic.....do....	103,572	103,510	97,663	97,358	99,253	.....
Foreign.....do....	1,371	1,286	1,211	1,159	1,165	.....
Face value, all issues.....do....	107,752	107,799	107,861	108,109	108,165	.....
Domestic.....do....	105,357	105,536	105,677	105,929	105,933	.....
Foreign.....do....	1,740	1,618	1,613	1,611	1,596	.....
Yields:						
Domestic corporate (Moody's).....percent..	3.30	3.28	3.90	3.99	4.04	3.99
By ratings: Aaa.....do....	3.11	3.08	3.69	3.75	3.77	3.67
Aa.....do....	3.19	3.16	3.76	3.85	3.89	3.83
A.....do....	3.30	3.28	3.90	3.98	4.01	3.99
Baa.....do....	3.60	3.58	4.24	4.37	4.49	4.47
By groups: Industrial.....do....	3.23	3.20	3.82	3.95	4.02	3.94
Public utility.....do....	3.28	3.26	3.86	3.93	3.98	3.97
Railroad.....do....	3.40	3.37	4.01	4.08	4.12	4.06
Domestic municipal (Stand. and Poor's Corp.).....do....	2.64	2.58	3.38	3.44	3.40	3.26

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1/ Data for November 1956 and January 1957 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 2/ Data reported at the beginning of each month are shown here for the previous month. 3/ February 1957 are advance estimates.

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ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
FINANCE - Continued						
Stocks:						
Dividend rate per share:						
Common stocks (200 stocks), Moody's.....dollars..	5.22	5.24	5.38	5.39	5.43	5.44
Industrial (125 stocks).....do....	5.72	5.72	5.88	5.88	5.90	5.91
Public utility (24 stocks).....do....	2.27	2.28	2.37	2.37	2.40	2.41
Railroad (25 stocks).....do....	3.86	3.86	4.05	4.06	4.13	4.11
Banks (15 stocks).....do....	3.34	3.34	3.45	3.54	3.52	3.52
Insurance (10 stocks).....do....	3.65	3.87	4.01	3.99	3.99	3.99
Dividend yields:						
Common stocks (200 stocks), Moody's.....percent..	4.21	4.09	4.25	4.13	4.31	4.44
Industrial (125 stocks).....do....	4.08	3.93	4.05	3.90	4.13	4.27
Public utility (24 stocks).....do....	4.62	4.59	4.86	4.84	4.80	4.82
Railroad (25 stocks).....do....	5.46	5.40	6.02	6.01	6.26	6.55
Banks (15 stocks).....do....	4.40	4.41	4.37	4.41	4.44	4.59
Insurance (10 stocks).....do....	2.84	2.87	3.30	3.28	3.15	3.10
Dividend yields, preferred stocks, 14 high-grade (Standard and Poor's Corporation).....do....	4.03	3.99	4.56	4.63	4.51	4.47
Prices:						
Dow-Jones & Co., Inc. (65 stocks).....dol. per share..	168.18	168.93	169.73	172.41	171.73	165.68
Industrial (30 stocks).....do....	474.75	475.52	479.34	492.01	485.90	466.84
Public utility (15 stocks).....do....	63.60	65.00	66.71	67.61	69.73	70.44
Railroad (20 stocks).....do....	157.94	157.96	155.81	154.41	152.75	143.02
Standard and Poor's Corporation:						
Combined index (480 stocks).....1935-39=100..	322.9	324.4	334.3	339.6	334.9	321.9
Industrial (420 stocks).....do....	371.7	372.8	389.8	397.6	389.4	372.1
Capital goods (129 stocks).....do....	373.0	372.7	393.6	404.3	395.3	374.9
Consumers' goods (195 stocks).....do....	275.8	272.6	268.7	266.9	260.8	252.3
Public utility (40 stocks).....do....	152.9	155.4	152.1	151.2	155.7	156.3
Railroad (20 stocks).....do....	249.4	249.6	237.7	236.2	235.7	222.2
Shares listed on New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value, all listed shares.....mil. of dol..	202,336	209,559	211,412	219,176	211,997	.....
Number of shares listed.....millions..	3,862	3,898	4,420	4,462	4,489	.....
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association):						
Production, total.....mil. of bd. ft..	2,940	2,922	2,975	2,554	2,720	.....
Softwoods.....do....	2,313	2,297	2,368	2,003	2,159	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	2,908	2,970	2,804	2,390	2,625	.....
Softwoods.....do....	2,232	2,292	2,248	1,883	2,116	.....
Stocks, gross (mill and concentration yards), total...do....	8,737	8,689	9,660	9,824	9.863	.....
Softwoods.....do....	5,486	5,491	6,023	6,143	6,130	.....
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number..	690,253	663,586	667,187	700,740	719,422	.....
Coaches, total.....do....	253	278	233	228	269	.....
Domestic.....do....	242	274	186	103	257	.....
Passenger cars, total.....do....	591,032	560,924	576,708	617,599	628,045	.....
Domestic.....do....	569,846	536,680	556,931	598,394	610,678	.....
Trucks, total.....do....	98,968	102,384	90,246	82,913	91,108	.....
Domestic.....do....	83,752	83,752	74,870	66,123	73,203	.....

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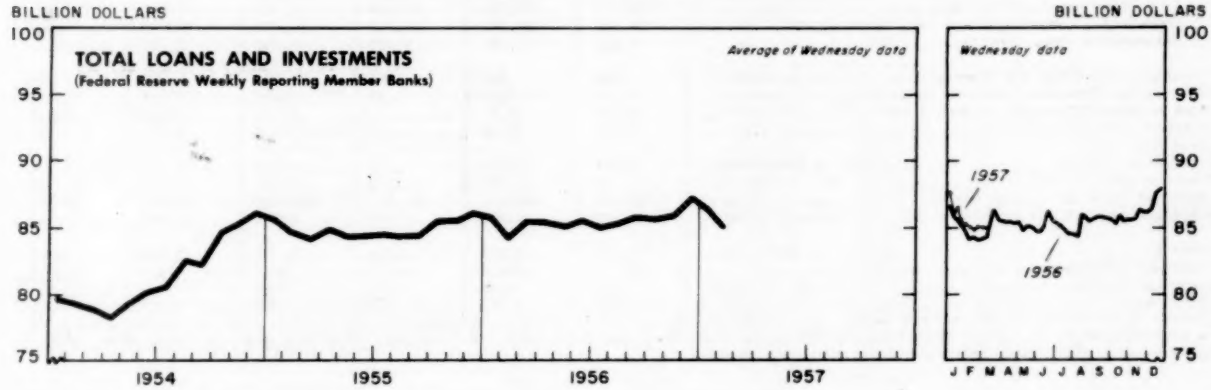

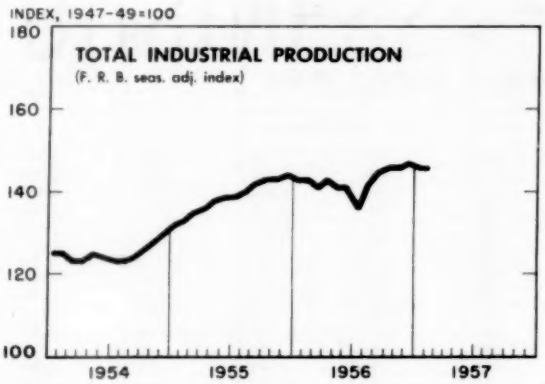

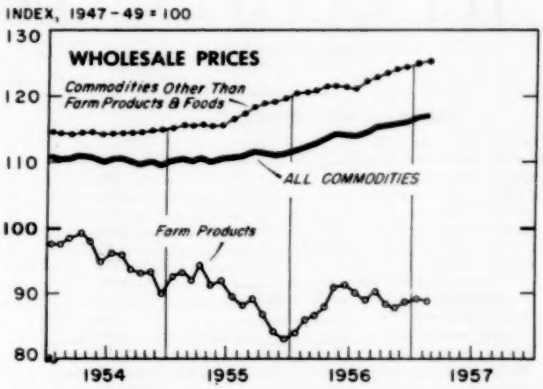

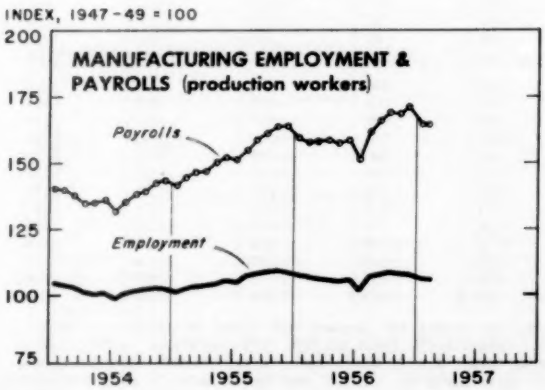

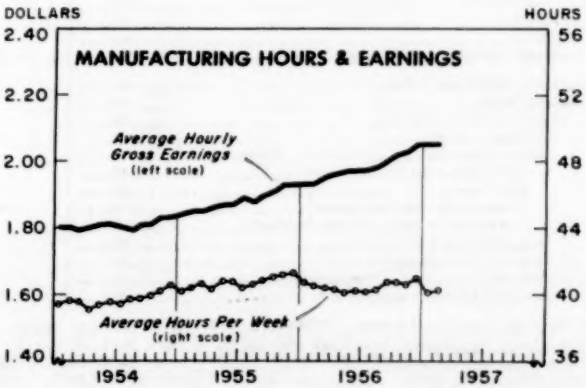

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Mar. 10	Mar. 17	Feb. 23	Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 16
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*112.8	.....	.....	116.8	116.9
Farm products.....do....	.....	*86.6	.....	.....	88.5	88.9
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*99.2	.....	.....	103.5	103.9
All other.....do....	.....	*121.0	.....	.....	125.3	125.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	89.3	89.4	88.5	88.0	88.6	88.8
Department store sales.....do....	109	105	100	99	98	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,642	1,594	1,823	1,829	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,504	1,460	1,679	1,684	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,201	30,276	30,605	30,543	30,565	30,609
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,118	25,308	24,764	24,813	24,871	24,791
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,670	18,691	18,895	18,683	18,721	18,654
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	533	509	505	425	428	405
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,417	57,603	56,214	56,370	55,791	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,510	21,597	22,568	22,621	22,735	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,338	85,349	85,069	85,038	84,975	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	28,157	28,431	25,809	25,723	25,532	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	26,484	27,077	30,347	30,314	30,444	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,254	8,287	8,766	8,762	8,736	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	268	300	300	284	327	301
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.27	3.29	3.98	3.98	3.97	3.97
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1941-43=10..	46.01	47.53	.....	43.41	44.33	44.04
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	48.84	50.58	.....	46.05	47.17	46.88
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,592	1,538	1,642	1,610	1,617	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,133	11,202	11,920	11,791	11,867	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	157,104	154,946	162,280	162,105	158,996	162,975
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,162	7,153	7,567	7,519	7,813	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,462	2,477	2,504	2,456	2,411	2,401
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#100.0	#100.6	97.8	96.0	94.2	93.8
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	698	686	627	704	672	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	373	367	326	365	347	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning March 18, 1957: Production, 2,392 thous. short tons; operating rate, 93.5 percent. *Monthly index for March 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS*						
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	143	144	147	144	145	p147
Manufactures.....do....	144	146	149	146	r146	p149
Durable manufactures.....do....	160	161	166	r166	r164	p166
Primary metals.....do....	151	152	146	r142	r147	p148
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	172	172	181	r183	r181	p183
Fabricated metal products.....do....	135	134	138	r139	r136	p137
Machinery.....do....	167	168	177	r177	r175	p177
Transportation equipment.....do....	206	205	218	r225	r224	p227
Instruments and related products.....do....	160	161	174	175	r172	p176
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	122	123	122	125	118	p119
Lumber and products.....do....	116	121	117	104	r104	p112
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	150	150	161	156	150	p151
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	141	145	150	r145	r136	p136
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	128	131	132	r125	r128	p131
Printing and publishing.....do....	127	130	144	142	r136	p139
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	143	143	143	r145	r147	p144
Minerals.....do....	129	127	130	r129	r130	p131
Coal.....do....	91	88	90	83	r84	p86
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	153	151	149	r155	r158	p158
Adjusted, combined index.....do....	143	143	146	147	146	p146
Manufactures.....do....	145	144	147	r149	147	p147
Durable manufactures.....do....	160	158	165	r167	164	p164
Primary metals.....do....	148	r146	146	r145	r144	p143
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	170	168	180	r183	180	p180
Fabricated metal products.....do....	136	134	r139	r141	r137	p137
Machinery.....do....	164	r163	r175	176	r173	p172
Transportation equipment.....do....	r200	r199	r216	r223	221	p223
Instruments and related products.....do....	160	161	172	173	r172	p176
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	122	r122	r119	120	118	p118
Lumber and products.....do....	128	r123	r119	r117	r114	p113
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	r156	155	r157	r158	r157	p156
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	r146	143	r144	r144	r140	p135

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. * REVISED DATA--Manufacturers' sales, inventories, and orders for January 1957 shown in the March 8 issue of the Weekly Supplement have been revised as follows (mil. of dol.): Unadjusted data--SALES, total, 28,793; total durables, 14,395; fabricated metal, 1,482; INVENTORIES, total, 51,909; total durables, 29,958; fabricated metal, 2,979; NEW ORDERS, total, 28,685; total durables, 14,444; fabricated metal, 1,431; seasonally adjusted data--SALES, total, 29,113; total durables, 14,607; fabricated metal, 1,497; INVENTORIES, total, 51,488; total durables, 29,819; fabricated metal, 3,009; NEW ORDERS, total, 28,881; total durables, 14,389; fabricated metal, 1,539.
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ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production, adjusted index (FRB) - Continued						
Manufactures - Continued						
Nondurable manufactures.....1947-49=100..	r130	130	129	130	130	p130
Printing and publishing.....do....	r132	r132	139	r140	r141	p141
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	142	r142	r143	r145	r146	p143
Minerals.....do....	r129	r129	r130	r131	130	p132
Coal.....do....	87	88	r87	80	r80	p86
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	r149	r148	149	r154	r154	p155
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do....	144	143	139	r141	r138	p143
Major consumer durables.....do....	159	157	151	r154	r149	p155
Autos.....do....	173	164	164	177	174	p178
Major household goods.....do....	150	153	r141	r137	r130	.....
Other consumer durables.....do....	109	110	112	r110	r111	p113
Adjusted index, total.....do....	r144	r137	r132	r141	r138	p137
Major consumer durables.....do....	r157	r149	r143	r154	r148	p147
Autos.....do....	r168	r155	r152	r168	169	p167
Major household goods.....do....	149	r146	r136	r143	131	.....
Other consumer durables.....do....	113	111	109	113	r115	p114
COMMODITY PRICES						
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	111.9	112.4	115.9	116.3	116.9	117.0
Economic sector:						
Crude materials for further processing.....do....	91.5	93.3	94.9	r96.6	r97.4	96.6
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components.....do....	120.0	120.3	123.8	124.2	r124.8	125.0
Finished goods 1/.....do....	111.8	112.0	116.2	116.2	116.7	116.9
Farm products.....do....	84.1	86.0	87.9	88.9	89.3	88.8
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do....	105.0	98.2	104.3	102.6	100.7	96.1
Grains.....do....	81.5	82.9	87.9	88.8	89.5	87.0
Livestock and live poultry.....do....	63.0	67.7	68.6	71.7	73.9	75.0
Foods, processed.....do....	98.3	99.0	103.6	103.1	104.3	104.0
Cereal and bakery products.....do....	115.1	115.4	115.8	115.4	115.8	115.9
Dairy products and ice cream.....do....	106.1	106.1	113.6	112.6	112.5	112.5
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do....	108.1	108.9	106.4	105.6	105.6	105.9
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	75.7	76.1	82.7	81.5	84.8	83.9
Commodities other than farm products and foods.....do....	120.4	120.6	124.2	124.7	125.2	125.5
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	106.3	106.4	108.2	108.3	108.7	108.8
Chemicals, industrial.....do....	120.0	119.9	122.5	122.5	123.5	123.2
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do....	111.0	111.2	111.2	114.0	r116.3	119.6
Petroleum and products.....do....	117.2	117.5	117.5	120.9	r124.9	131.0
Furniture, other household durables.....do....	118.0	118.2	121.1	121.2	r121.9	122.0
Appliances, household.....do....	105.6	105.7	106.5	105.9	106.5	106.8
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	96.7	97.1	99.8	99.2	98.4	98.0
Lumber and wood products.....do....	126.3	126.7	121.5	121.0	r121.3	120.7
Lumber.....do....	127.6	128.2	123.1	122.5	122.6	121.8
Machinery and motive products.....do....	133.3	133.9	143.4	143.6	143.9	144.4
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	132.4	133.2	145.2	145.4	146.0	147.1
Motor vehicles.....do....	126.7	127.5	134.2	134.3	134.3	134.4
Metals and metal products.....do....	145.1	145.1	152.1	152.3	r152.2	151.2
Iron and steel.....do....	149.4	149.1	162.5	163.3	164.3	163.7
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do....	127.0	127.1	131.2	131.3	r132.0	132.6
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	124.8	125.4	127.8	128.0	128.6	128.5
Paper.....do....	134.6	135.0	139.2	139.2	r139.2	139.2
Rubber and products.....do....	148.4	147.1	146.9	147.9	r145.0	143.8
Textile products and apparel.....do....	95.7	96.0	95.4	95.6	95.8	95.7
Apparel.....do....	99.5	99.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.6
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	121.7	121.7	123.5	123.6	124.0	124.1
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, privately and publicly owned.....thousands..	75.0	78.3	r77.4	64.0	65.0	65.0
Privately owned, total.....do....	73.7	77.0	r77.0	63.6	62.2	62.5
In metropolitan areas.....do....	53.6	56.9	r54.6	44.9	44.2	45.0
Publicly owned.....do....	1.3	1.3	.4	.4	2.8	2.5
Seasonally adjusted at annual rate:						
Privately owned, total.....do....	1,195.0	1,127.0	r1,027.0	1,030.0	1,010.0	910.0
Construction cost index:						
American Appraisal Co., The, average, 30 cities....1913=100..	622	623	644	647	649	653
Atlanta.....do....	667	667	696	699	702	705
New York.....do....	644	648	681	687	701	703
San Francisco.....do....	582	586	595	594	594	610
St. Louis.....do....	629	630	635	638	640	643
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census):						
Civilian labor force.....thousands..	65,775	65,490	67,732	67,029	r2/ 65,821	2/ 66,311
Employed.....do....	62,891	62,576	65,269	64,550	r2/ 62,578	2/ 63,190
Agricultural employment.....do....	5,635	5,469	6,192	5,110	r2/ 4,935	2/ 5,195
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	57,256	57,107	59,076	59,440	r2/ 57,643	2/ 57,996
Unemployed.....do....	2,885	2,914	2,463	2,479	r2/ 3,244	2/ 3,121

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Goods to users, including raw foods and fuels. 2/ The estimates beginning January 1957 reflect certain changes made in the definitions for employment and unemployment, etc. Figures for January and February 1957, comparable with data through December 1956, in order as above (thous.): January — 65,830; 62,890; 4,943; 57,947; 2,940; February — 66,313; 63,434; 5,199; 58,235; 2,881.

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ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Continued						
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Department of Labor)....thousands..	50,284	50,246	52,484	r53,131	r51,253	p51,245
Manufacturing.....do....	16,842	16,824	17,151	r17,133	r16,934	p16,908
Mining.....do....	777	780	811	811	r803	p801
Contract construction.....do....	2,588	2,588	3,191	r3,029	r2,723	p2,741
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	4,083	4,083	4,170	r4,180	r4,110	p4,103
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	10,920	10,819	11,496	r12,092	r11,158	p11,100
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,238	2,250	2,313	2,308	r2,295	p2,311
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	5,803	5,818	6,010	r5,976	r5,918	p5,929
Government.....do....	7,033	7,084	7,342	r7,602	r7,312	p7,352
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Total.....do....	13,260	13,212	13,353	r13,312	r13,126	p13,091
Durable-goods industries.....do....	7,751	7,692	7,802	r7,791	r7,713	p7,679
Ordnance and accessories.....do....	87	86	82	83	r81	p80
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	635	635	634	r607	r576	.....
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	322	322	318	318	311	p311
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	468	466	479	473	r460	p455
Primary metal industries.....do....	1,141	1,138	1,132	r1,133	r1,132	p1,129
Fabricated metal products 1/.....do....	913	899	911	r909	r905	p901
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	1,261	1,274	1,273	r1,289	r1,301	p1,310
Electrical machinery.....do....	854	849	918	r907	r894	p886
Transportation equipment.....do....	1,449	1,392	1,402	r1,439	r1,439	p1,428
Instruments and related products.....do....	230	231	237	236	235	p236
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	5,509	5,520	5,551	r5,521	r5,413	p5,412
Food and kindred products.....do....	1,022	1,013	1,131	1,082	r1,028	p1,003
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	95	90	101	r98	r93	p88
Textile-mill products.....do....	991	989	949	r942	r928	p929
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1,105	1,131	1,088	r1,088	r1,069	p1,097
Paper and allied products.....do....	458	456	467	r470	r465	p463
Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do....	538	540	564	r566	r557	p556
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	556	558	550	552	r553	p551
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	171	170	175	r173	r172	p173
Rubber products.....do....	230	225	199	r222	r222	p222
Leather and leather products.....do....	345	350	327	r329	r326	p332
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	107.2	106.8	108.0	r107.6	r106.1	p105.8
Adjusted.....do....	108.0	107.2	107.1	r107.2	r106.8	p106.2
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	159.1	157.7	167.7	170.9	r164.8	p164.8
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing...hours..	40.7	40.5	40.5	41.0	r40.1	p40.2
Durable-goods industries.....do....	41.2	41.0	41.2	41.9	r40.8	p40.9
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	39.9	39.8	39.6	39.8	r39.1	p39.2
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	78.55	78.17	82.42	84.05	r82.21	p82.41
Durable-goods industries.....do....	84.87	84.05	88.99	91.34	r88.54	p89.16
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	69.83	69.65	73.26	74.03	r72.73	p72.91
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	1.93	1.93	2.03	2.05	2.05	p2.05
Durable-goods industries.....do....	2.06	2.05	2.16	2.18	r2.17	p2.18
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	1.75	1.75	1.85	1.86	1.86	p1.86
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Truck trailers, production, total.....number..	6,233	6,424	4,786	r4,171	5,032	.....
Complete trailers.....do....	6,085	6,207	4,594	r3,999	4,783	.....
Vans.....do....	3,824	3,815	2,544	r2,098	2,625	.....
Trailer chassis.....do....	148	217	192	r172	249	.....

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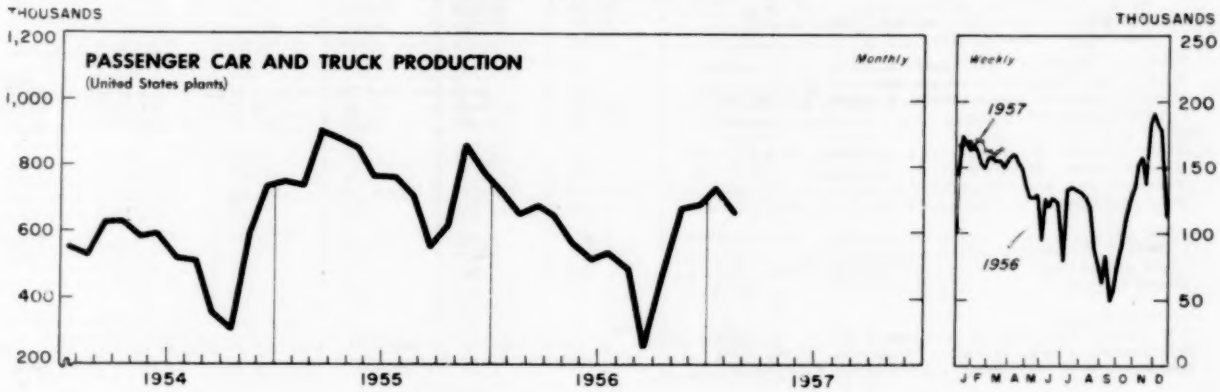

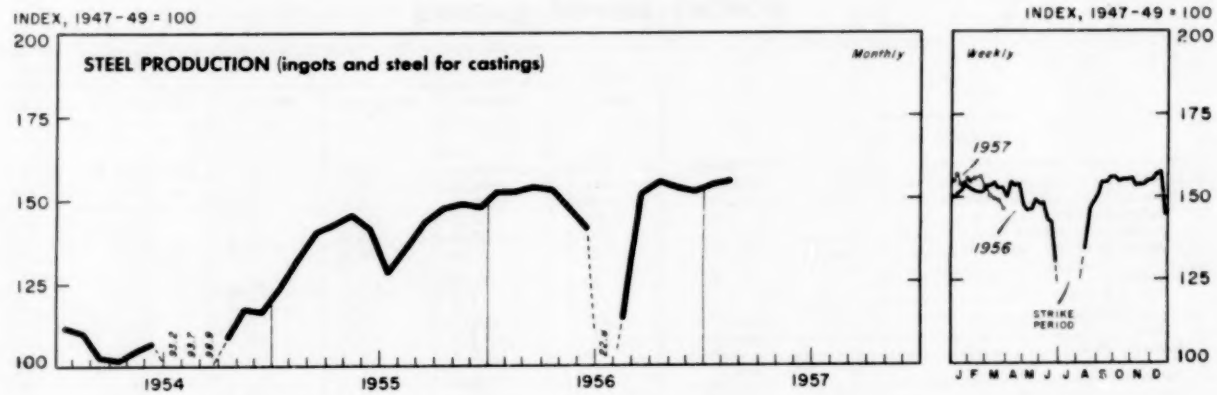

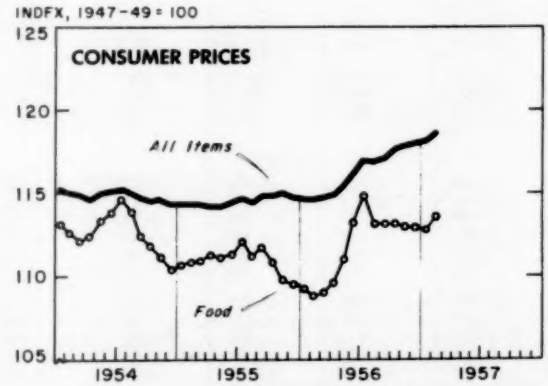

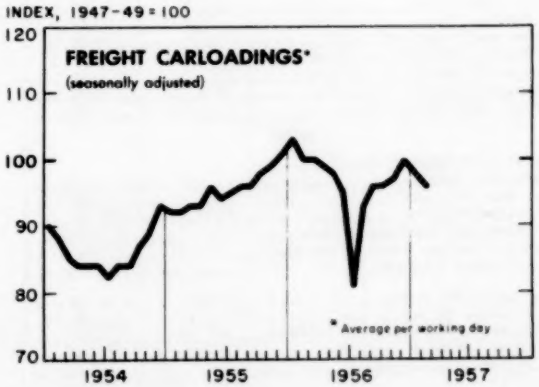

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Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*99.2	.....	103.5	103.7	103.9
All other.....do....	.....	*121.0	.....	125.3	125.4	125.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	89.4	90.1	88.0	88.6	88.8	88.8
Department store sales.....do....	105	112	99	98	107	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,594	1,551	1,829	1,779	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,460	1,422	1,684	1,643	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,276	30,264	30,543	30,565	30,609	30,589
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,308	25,754	24,813	24,871	24,791	25,158
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,691	19,204	18,683	18,721	18,654	19,204
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	509	617	425	428	427	602
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	57,603	56,500	56,370	55,791	56,905	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,597	21,595	22,621	22,735	22,929	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,349	86,489	85,038	84,975	85,653	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	28,431	28,654	25,723	25,532	25,676	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	27,077	27,741	30,314	30,444	30,844	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,287	8,320	8,762	8,736	8,740	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	300	208	284	327	301	318
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.29	3.31	3.98	3.97	3.97	3.97
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1941-43=10..	47.53	48.23	43.41	44.33	44.04	44.10
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	50.58	51.47	46.05	47.17	46.88	46.99
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,544	1,660	1,610	1,617	1,697	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,202	11,134	11,791	11,867	11,650	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	154,946	154,977	162,105	158,996	161,904	163,656
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,153	7,163	7,519	7,813	7,799	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,477	2,449	2,456	2,411	2,401	2,392
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#100.6	#99.5	96.0	94.2	93.8	93.5
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	686	697	704	672	689	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	367	365	365	347	356	.....

1/ Date do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning March 25, 1957: Production, 2,354 thous. short tons; operating rate, 92.0 percent. *Monthly index for March 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index, all items.....1947-49=100..	114.6	114.6	117.8	118.0	118.2	1/118.7
Apparel.....do....	104.1	104.6	107.0	107.0	106.4	106.1
Food.....do....	109.2	108.8	112.9	112.9	112.8	113.6
Dairy products.....do....	107.3	107.3	111.1	111.3	111.2	111.1
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	112.6	113.3	115.8	117.4	116.9	116.5
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	93.3	93.6	98.8	98.0	99.0	101.4
Housing.....do....	120.6	120.7	123.0	123.5	123.8	124.5
Gas and electricity.....do....	111.7	111.7	111.8	112.0	112.3	112.4
Housefurnishings.....do....	102.0	102.5	103.8	104.1	104.0	105.0
Rent.....do....	131.4	131.5	133.8	134.2	134.2	134.2
Medical care.....do....	130.7	130.9	134.5	134.7	135.3	135.5
Personal care.....do....	118.5	118.9	121.4	121.8	122.1	122.6
Reading and recreation.....do....	107.3	107.5	109.0	109.3	109.9	110.0
Transportation.....do....	126.8	126.9	133.2	133.1	133.6	134.4
Private.....do....	117.0	117.0	123.5	123.3	123.8	124.5
Public.....do....	170.3	170.5	173.4	174.1	174.9	175.8
Other goods and services.....do....	120.8	120.9	123.2	123.3	123.8	124.0
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....do....	89.4	89.0	86.3	86.0	85.5	2/85.5
Consumer prices.....do....	87.3	87.3	84.9	84.7	84.6	2/84.2
Retail food prices.....do....	91.6	91.9	88.6	88.6	88.7	2/88.0
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	4,915	7,158	5,705	5,898	5,279	7,486
Receipts, net.....do....	4,684	6,195	4,818	5,412	4,809	6,188
Customs.....do....	59	57	63	59	64	53
Income and employment taxes.....do....	3,727	5,959	4,478	4,570	3,903	6,313
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....do....	853	944	1,014	894	978	963
All other receipts.....do....	275	198	150	374	333	157
Expenditures, total.....do....	5,274	4,950	5,726	5,718	6,095	5,743
Interest on public debt.....do....	625	553	580	631	651	585
Veterans' services and benefits.....do....	401	398	p412	p410	p415	p418
Major national security.....do....	3,005	3,214	p3,536	p3,571	p3,755	p3,587
All other expenditures.....do....	1,243	786	p1,199	p1,106	p1,274	p1,152

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ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
FINANCE - Continued						
Life insurance (Institute of Life Insurance):						
Assets, total, all U.S. life insurance companies ....mil. of dol..	r90,267	90,842	94,869	95,274	95,819	96,316
Bonds (book value), domestic and foreign, total....do....	r47,687	47,967	48,970	48,983	49,058	49,324
U. S. Government....do....	r8,545	8,393	7,850	7,749	7,532	7,588
State, county, municipal (U. S.)....do....	1,998	2,125	2,218	2,229	2,237	2,244
Public utility (U. S.)....do....	13,533	13,579	13,914	13,963	13,997	14,030
Railroad (U. S.)....do....	3,847	3,840	3,845	3,842	3,839	3,836
Industrial and miscellaneous (U. S.)....do....	r17,290	17,522	18,537	18,581	18,807	18,951
Stocks (book value), domestic and foreign, total....do....	r2,921	2,930	2,962	2,970	2,906	2,921
Preferred (U. S.)....do....	r1,719	1,719	1,700	1,701	1,634	1,632
Common (U. S.)....do....	r1,191	1,199	1,247	1,254	1,257	1,273
Mortgage loans, total....do....	r29,425	29,800	32,399	32,709	33,017	33,279
Nonfarm....do....	r27,161	27,526	29,938	30,243	30,546	30,810
Real estate....do....	2,557	2,568	2,778	2,813	2,809	2,841
Policy loans and premium notes....do....	r3,294	3,307	3,461	3,483	3,503	3,523
Cash....do....	r1,255	1,167	1,093	1,109	1,273	1,141
Other assets....do....	r3,128	3,103	3,206	3,207	3,253	3,287
Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries, estimated total....mil. of dol..	555.7	522.8	516.6	473.1	590.9	595.9
Death benefits....do....	209.2	204.9	223.2	197.5	209.0	236.9
Matured endowments....do....	56.9	59.3	57.7	56.3	63.7	66.5
Disability payments....do....	9.5	10.2	9.9	9.1	8.9	10.9
Annuity payments....do....	38.2	54.4	45.5	44.1	38.1	61.5
Surrender values....do....	78.8	76.9	95.8	86.0	94.9	98.0
Policy dividends....do....	163.0	117.1	84.5	80.1	176.3	122.1
Stocks, cash dividend payments publicly reported:						
Total dividend payments....do....	2,418.7	808.7	749.8	314.4	2,217.4	801.5
Finance....do....	265.8	164.5	142.6	79.7	267.7	168.5
Manufacturing....do....	1,547.0	269.5	269.6	127.6	1,372.9	268.9
Mining....do....	230.5	9.7	9.5	6.4	217.0	8.5
Public utilities:						
Communications....do....	42.1	136.5	140.5	1.2	45.3	141.3
Electric and gas....do....	126.4	87.0	96.1	78.0	130.3	90.7
Railroad....do....	117.4	40.1	19.3	3.4	91.5	37.8
Trade....do....	51.3	91.5	61.9	10.7	55.8	77.3
Miscellaneous....do....	38.2	9.9	10.3	7.4	36.9	8.5
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural)....thous. of lb..	47,771	49,619	49,343	46,853	49,737	1/52,006
Acetic anhydride....do....	80,027	77,404	70,277	75,122	90,378	85,428
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin)....do....	1,606	1,225	1,356	1,488	1,618	1,491
Creosote oil....thous. of gal..	9,633	9,539	11,707	12,201	14,456	7,978
DDT....thous. of lb..	10,991	11,592	10,949	10,641	11,201	10,878
Ethyl acetate (85%)....do....	7,636	9,360	10,171	8,285	8,306	8,748
Ethylene glycol....do....	82,575	90,684	95,494	90,119	95,181	93,089
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO)....do....	107,479	111,691	119,056	116,914	107,918	109,149
Methanol:						
Natural (100%)....thous. of gal..	196	206	189	156	172	.....
Synthetic (100%)....do....	19,675	19,020	20,004	19,408	21,312	20,503
Phthalic anhydride....thous. of lb..	29,749	30,522	27,002	25,041	27,093	25,561
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes....thous. of lb..	4,041	3,508	3,837	3,374	3,724	3,491
Molding and extrusion materials....do....	7,705	6,492	9,390	9,291	8,452	7,456
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes....do....	428	519	396	365	317	377
Other cellulose plastics....do....	433	450	564	551	472	525
Phenolic and other tar acid resins....do....	43,044	43,407	43,493	40,145	35,206	41,373
Polystyrene....do....	47,434	47,002	48,789	44,467	41,794	43,507
Urea and melamine resins....do....	24,206	26,411	25,691	24,269	21,370	23,097
Vinyl resins....do....	61,285	66,890	67,176	65,900	67,870	67,096
Alkyd resins....do....	35,689	32,409	35,383	34,509	27,874	34,948
Rosin modifications....do....	10,617	10,823	10,908	11,553	10,024	10,848
Polyester resins....do....	5,552	5,510	6,473	6,542	6,139	7,265
Polyethylene resins....do....	40,610	42,721	49,110	51,421	51,413	52,357
Miscellaneous....do....	12,085	14,121	13,363	13,977	13,679	14,829
FOODSTUFFS						
Tobacco, manufactured products:						
Production, total....thous. of lb..	13,194	15,567	17,801	15,346	11,558	15,917
Chewing, plug, and twist....do....	5,347	6,509	6,964	6,331	4,864	6,539
Smoking....do....	4,747	5,704	7,205	5,970	4,246	6,031
Snuff....do....	3,100	3,354	3,632	3,045	2,448	3,347
Consumption (withdrawals):						
Cigarettes, small:						
Tax-free....millions..	2,570	2,091	2,674	2,585	2,572	2,714
Tax-paid....do....	27,357	32,871	37,193	33,585	25,070	35,982
Cigars, tax-paid....thousands..	432,028	453,272	549,541	632,063	364,509	437,127
Manufactured tobacco and snuff, tax-paid....thous. of lb..	13,115	15,298	17,245	14,949	11,709	15,472

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LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins..	874	802	737	722	872	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips..	2,202	2,305	2,193	r1,987	2,250	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	2,251	2,377	1,820	1,663	2,064	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,212	2,535	2,113	1,766	2,038	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Pig iron, production.....thous. of short tons..	7,050	6,603	7,036	7,335	7,282	6,658
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:						
Electric processing.....thous. of dol..	2,102	1,768	1,587	2,095	2,062	4,441
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	6,189	9,770	1,767	2,943	4,581	3,429
Machine tools (metal-cutting):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	109.55	81.30	64.25	57.20	r63.25	p58.15
Domestic.....do....	96.70	72.35	58.70	51.90	r56.30	p51.00
Shipments, total.....do....	54.60	64.60	81.70	85.15	r76.55	p78.10
Domestic.....do....	49.40	58.70	73.60	75.05	r67.55	p72.40
Estimated backlog.....months..	8.4	8.5	6.7	6.2	r6.0	p5.8
PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING						
Wood pulp:						
Production, total, all grades.....thous. of short tons..	1,890.9	1,813.6	1,856.5	r1,672.6	1,902.9	.....
Dissolving and special alpha.....do....	82.8	88.4	81.7	r72.8	82.2	.....
Sulfate.....do....	1,019.7	989.2	1,032.0	r920.0	1,061.0	.....
Sulfite.....do....	241.5	222.7	215.9	r200.8	227.3	.....
Groundwood.....do....	246.1	240.8	255.4	r231.5	262.6	.....
Defibrated or exploded.....do....	106.1	97.3	89.4	r78.0	90.1	.....
Soda, semichem., screenings, damaged, etc.....do....	194.8	175.3	182.1	r169.4	179.8	.....
Stocks, end of month, total, all mills.....do....	775.1	785.9	934.4	r912.0	884.7	.....
Pulp mills.....do....	156.1	165.2	219.5	r189.5	208.8	.....
Paper and board mills.....do....	518.3	520.5	610.6	r617.1	576.0	.....
Nonpaper mills.....do....	100.7	100.2	104.3	105.4	100.0	.....
All paper and board mills, production:						
Paper and board, total.....do....	r2,658.9	2,597.9	2,590.6	r2,358.4	2,666.6	.....
Paper.....do....	r1,161.2	1,132.0	1,174.3	r1,091.3	1,217.2	.....
Paperboard.....do....	r1,235.6	1,197.8	1,179.3	r1,071.3	1,206.8	.....
Wet-machine board.....do....	11.6	11.9	13.6	11.7	12.7	.....
Construction paper and board.....do....	250.6	256.2	223.4	r184.1	229.9	.....
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton: 1/						
Consumption.....bales..	750,282	760,017	880,549	631,507	840,567	684,366
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....thousands..	20,998	r20,984	20,289	20,237	20,231	20,161
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	19,399	19,428	18,786	18,736	18,725	18,639
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total...mil. of hr..	10,311	r10,355	11,952	8,681	r11,599	9,411
Average per working day.....do....	516	r518	478	434	r464	471
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	9,577	9,633	11,145	8,062	10,790	8,749
Rayon and acetate:						
Production:						
Filament yarn.....mil. of lb..	76.3	68.9	61.1	61.0	69.8	61.3
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	36.2	35.9	34.1	35.0	37.7	31.9
Stocks, producers', end of month, total.....do....	83.2	82.3	106.3	107.5	104.6	105.6
Filament yarn.....do....	49.0	46.1	62.2	62.2	58.2	59.2
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	34.2	36.2	44.1	45.3	46.4	46.4

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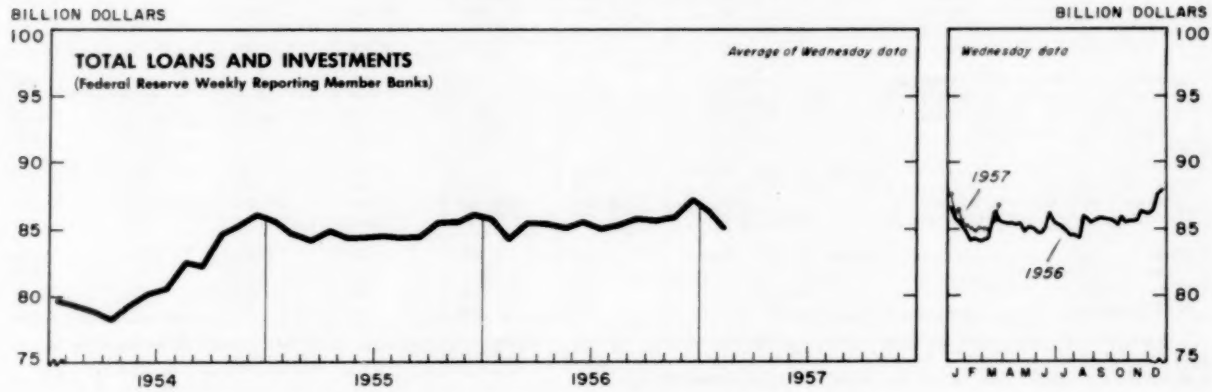

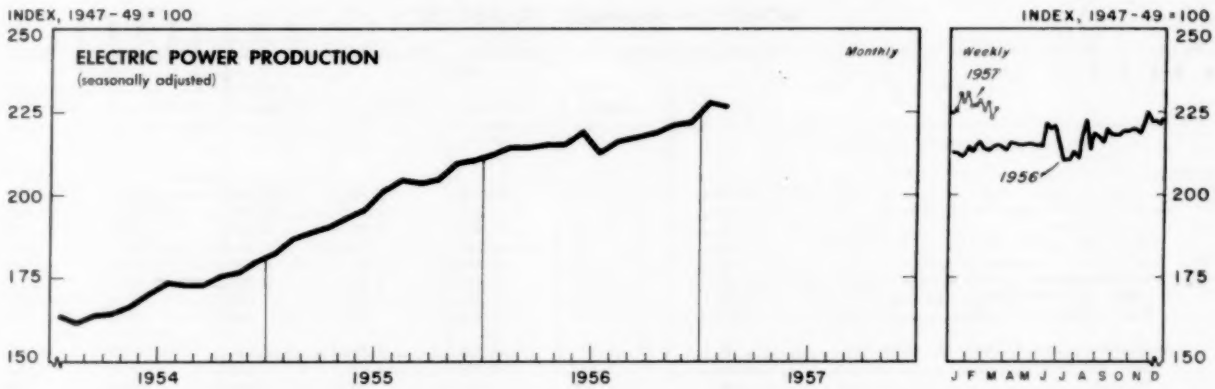

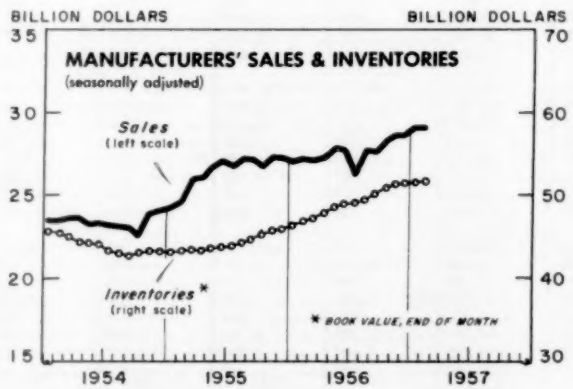

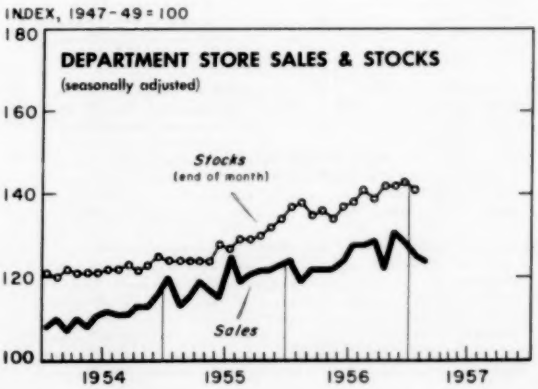

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All other.....do....	.....	*121.0	125.3	125.4	125.3	125.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	90.1	90.2	88.6	88.8	88.8	88.6
Department store sales.....do....	112	122	98	107	113	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,551	1,493	1,776	1,725	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,422	1,370	1,643	1,593	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,264	30,249	30,565	30,609	30,589	30,502
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/...do....	25,754	25,661	24,871	24,791	25,158	24,930
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,204	19,028	18,721	18,654	19,204	18,971
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	617	573	428	427	603	565
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,500	55,733	55,791	56,905	55,704	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,595	21,618	22,735	22,929	23,020	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	86,489	85,631	84,975	85,653	86,747	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	28,654	27,995	25,532	25,676	25,990	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)..do....	27,741	27,781	30,444	30,844	31,579	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,320	8,341	8,736	8,740	8,746	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	208	263	327	301	318	290
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.31	3.33	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.96
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.1941-43=10..	48.23	48.51	44.33	44.04	44.10	44.09
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	51.47	51.80	47.17	46.88	46.99	46.97
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,660	1,719	1,617	1,704	1,710	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,134	10,992	11,867	11,650	11,723	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	154,977	149,863	158,996	161,904	161,866	154,015
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,163	7,149	7,813	7,799	7,818	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,449	2,452	2,411	2,401	2,392	2,364
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#99.5	#99.6	94.2	93.8	93.5	92.4
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	697	725	672	689	686	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	365	382	347	356	355	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning April 1, 1957: Production, 2,344 thous. short tons; operating rate, 91.6 percent. *Monthly index for March 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	26,363	26,536	28,755	r27,832	r28,924	27,858
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,112	13,301	14,469	14,188	r14,469	13,996
Primary metal.....do....	2,428	2,393	2,473	2,353	r2,540	2,325
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,343	1,342	1,510	1,311	r1,544	1,476
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,503	3,652	4,039	4,232	r4,064	4,126
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).do....	3,166	3,169	3,647	3,869	r3,814	3,701
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,050	1,101	1,029	889	r970	931
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	560	602	720	593	r614	602
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,251	13,235	14,286	r13,644	r14,455	13,862
Food and beverage.....do....	3,962	3,977	4,376	4,256	r4,429	4,318
Tobacco.....do....	306	304	353	345	r338	306
Textile.....do....	1,078	1,090	1,184	1,068	r1,122	1,089
Paper.....do....	883	877	910	822	r930	837
Chemical.....do....	1,977	1,887	1,995	1,907	r2,155	1,973
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,549	2,440	2,655	2,801	r2,969	2,706
Rubber.....do....	425	423	426	443	483	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	27,023	27,224	28,716	r28,691	r29,183	29,179
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,595	13,593	14,321	14,507	r14,642	14,722
Primary metal.....do....	2,369	2,457	2,475	2,348	r2,444	2,385
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,399	1,413	1,541	1,457	r1,560	1,554
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,691	3,647	4,162	4,125	r4,205	4,230
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).do....	3,194	3,137	3,387	3,862	r3,782	3,885
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,141	1,147	1,039	999	r1,010	1,023
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	659	684	706	682	r690	717
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,428	13,631	14,395	r14,184	r14,541	14,457
Food and beverage.....do....	4,066	4,180	4,342	4,355	r4,569	4,578
Tobacco.....do....	329	338	350	363	r356	356
Textile.....do....	1,100	1,124	1,184	1,148	r1,100	1,184
Paper.....do....	866	904	910	874	r912	863
Chemical.....do....	1,931	1,940	2,095	2,086	r2,095	2,028
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,475	2,515	2,682	2,593	r2,883	2,790
Rubber.....do....	415	445	453	461	474	.....

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ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	46,704	47,227	50,981	r51,572	r51,971	52,192
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	26,726	27,149	29,497	29,819	r30,037	30,230
Primary metal.....do....	3,576	3,564	4,249	4,354	r4,325	4,340
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,718	2,803	2,917	2,941	r2,989	3,019
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,700	8,960	9,961	10,002	r10,092	10,257
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).do....	6,749	6,860	7,415	7,455	r7,526	7,414
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,871	1,783	1,775	1,800	r1,804	1,824
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	985	1,015	1,005	1,047	r1,078	1,116
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.2	7.3	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2
Goods in process.....do....	11.0	11.2	12.3	12.3	r12.5	12.5
Finished goods.....do....	8.5	8.7	8.9	9.1	r9.4	9.6
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	19,978	20,078	21,484	r21,753	r21,934	21,962
Food and beverage.....do....	4,502	4,434	4,957	4,899	r4,885	4,739
Tobacco.....do....	1,938	1,924	1,865	1,927	r2,097	2,110
Textile.....do....	2,460	2,477	2,579	2,625	r2,645	2,672
Paper.....do....	1,080	1,115	1,220	1,258	r1,258	1,305
Chemical.....do....	3,300	3,377	3,686	3,783	r3,792	3,863
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,699	2,737	3,151	3,154	r3,022	3,028
Rubber.....do....	963	999	973	1,008	1,015	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.4	8.4	8.7	8.9	r9.0	8.9
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2
Finished goods.....do....	8.6	8.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	46,299	46,897	51,357	r51,373	r51,476	51,805
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	26,590	27,009	29,925	29,935	r29,862	30,087
Primary metal.....do....	3,519	3,570	4,128	4,226	r4,259	4,347
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,718	2,803	3,039	3,064	r3,019	3,019
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,678	8,939	10,159	10,100	r10,070	10,231
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).do....	6,711	6,816	7,511	7,427	r7,430	7,377
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,871	1,783	1,811	1,782	r1,804	1,824
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	966	976	1,058	1,047	r1,057	1,073
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.1	7.3	8.1	8.2	r8.1	8.2
Goods in process.....do....	10.9	11.1	12.5	12.5	r12.4	12.4
Finished goods.....do....	8.5	8.6	9.3	9.3	r9.4	9.5
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	19,709	19,888	21,432	r21,438	r21,614	21,718
Food and beverage.....do....	4,372	4,361	4,715	4,676	r4,712	4,675
Tobacco.....do....	1,828	1,832	1,847	1,853	r1,942	1,972
Textile.....do....	2,485	2,477	2,632	2,679	r2,672	2,672
Paper.....do....	1,069	1,083	1,232	1,246	r1,258	1,267
Chemical.....do....	3,248	3,339	3,703	3,689	r3,721	3,808
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,754	2,793	3,089	3,123	r3,113	3,090
Rubber.....do....	935	970	1,024	998	995	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.7
Goods in process.....do....	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	r3.0	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	8.6	8.7	9.8	9.7	9.9	10.0
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,468	27,076	29,091	r28,248	r28,652	27,470
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,307	13,931	14,741	14,534	r14,362	13,640
Primary metal.....do....	2,482	2,682	2,615	2,447	r2,293	2,375
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,328	1,444	1,386	1,413	r1,515	1,559
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,866	3,908	4,072	4,184	r4,177	3,965
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles)...do....	3,730	3,011	4,015	4,336	r3,669	3,338
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,161	13,145	14,350	r13,714	r14,290	13,830
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	28,074	27,627	29,438	r28,844	r28,935	28,175
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,683	14,107	15,130	14,544	r14,393	13,831
Primary metal.....do....	2,387	2,737	2,672	2,423	r2,316	2,306
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,398	1,520	1,540	1,570	r1,595	1,591
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,806	3,953	4,436	4,054	r4,209	4,017
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles)...do....	4,191	3,011	3,718	4,130	r3,669	3,514
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,391	13,520	14,308	r14,300	r14,542	14,344
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total....do....	56,596	57,136	61,990	62,406	r62,134	61,746
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	53,314	53,944	59,096	59,442	r59,335	58,979
Primary metal.....do....	7,092	7,381	7,639	7,733	r7,486	7,536
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,074	4,176	4,378	4,480	r4,451	4,534
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	16,567	16,823	19,218	19,170	r19,283	19,122
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles)...do....	21,246	21,088	23,579	24,046	r23,901	23,538
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,282	3,192	2,894	2,964	r2,799	2,767
Business incorporations:						
New incorporations (48 States).....number..	13,363	12,503	9,749	10,788	14,632	12,075
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....do....	1,048	1,024	999	982	1,148	1,146
Commercial service.....do....	72	62	86	83	71	93
Construction.....do....	126	141	171	183	177	180
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	209	202	166	172	197	199
Retail trade.....do....	535	511	482	472	612	568
Wholesale trade.....do....	106	108	94	72	91	106
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	42,890	49,189	39,886	50,279	54,060	65,406
Commercial service.....do....	2,974	1,920	1,854	3,780	4,086	2,493
Construction.....do....	6,163	9,881	11,099	8,149	10,572	8,440
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	14,442	17,647	11,714	21,785	16,105	33,402
Retail trade.....do....	14,936	14,693	11,476	10,946	17,862	14,780
Wholesale trade.....do....	4,375	5,048	3,743	5,619	5,335	6,291

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ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
EMPLOYMENT						
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.3	r3.2	p2.8
Separation rate, total.....do....	3.6	3.6	3.3	2.8	3.3	p3.0
Discharge.....do....	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	p.2
Lay-off.....do....	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.5	p1.4
Quit.....do....	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	p1.2
Military and miscellaneous.....do....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	p.2
ELECTRIC POWER						
Electric power, production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	r58,355	r54,859	57,820	60,055	62,938	55,374
Electric utilities.....do....	51,120	47,988	50,645	52,875	55,503	48,666
Industrial establishments.....do....	r7,235	r6,871	7,175	7,180	7,435	6,708
FOODSTUFFS						
Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb..	2,311.7	2,018.4	2,256.3	2,063.9	2,199.0	1,843.3
Beef and veal.....do....	1,034.8	909.9	1,041.7	987.0	1,111.7	902.5
Lamb and mutton.....do....	64.0	56.9	52.2	50.3	64.8	53.9
Pork, including lard.....do....	1,212.8	1,051.6	1,162.5	1,026.6	1,022.6	886.9
Lard.....do....	240.9	203.2	218.9	198.6	196.4	172.8
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Iron ore (Lake Superior district):						
Consumption by furnaces.....thous. of long tons..	.....	.....	7,485	7,840	7,892	.....
Stocks, end of month, total.....do....	.....	.....	50,537	45,508	37,484	.....
At furnaces.....do....	.....	.....	45,947	41,231	33,580	.....
On Lake Erie docks.....do....	.....	.....	4,591	4,277	3,905	.....
Radiators and convectors, cast iron:						
Shipments.....thous. of sq. ft..	2,018	2,236	2,589	1,756	1,712	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	4,866	5,013	4,074	3,878	4,139	.....
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....number..	49,759	44,697	64,881	38,729	45,934	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	55,144	63,952	50,162	50,329	54,460	.....
Stoves and ranges, domestic cooking, excluding electrical:						
Shipments, total.....number..	167,435	192,953	161,070	134,878	146,360	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	5,084	5,039	5,537	4,387	4,178	.....
Gas (including bungalow and combination).....do....	153,516	178,441	149,675	125,139	136,248	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	8,835	9,473	5,858	5,352	5,934	.....
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total.....do....	90,755	106,293	242,322	85,536	75,948	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	6,898	10,245	30,905	10,537	6,379	.....
Gas.....do....	57,044	58,849	160,611	56,140	42,657	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	26,815	37,199	50,806	18,859	26,912	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do....	87,497	78,906	99,543	71,305	75,659	.....
Gas.....do....	56,782	51,025	62,987	47,479	49,156	.....
Oil.....do....	27,859	25,417	32,303	21,201	23,737	.....
Solid fuel.....do....	2,856	2,464	4,253	2,625	2,766	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do....	224,004	246,098	182,266	153,198	209,953	.....
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net mo. avg. shipments, 1947-49=100..	195.6	169.0	121.0	115.6	117.9	.....
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	302.2	286.4	300.4	281.0	276.7	300.9
Washers, domestic, sales billed.....do....	393.7	405.6	357.9	298.4	349.9	339.9
Radio sets, production 1/.....do....	1,078.6	1,093.5	1,381.8	1,715.2	1,085.5	r1,264.8
Television sets (incl. combination), production 1/.....do....	588.3	576.3	680.0	627.0	450.2	r464.7

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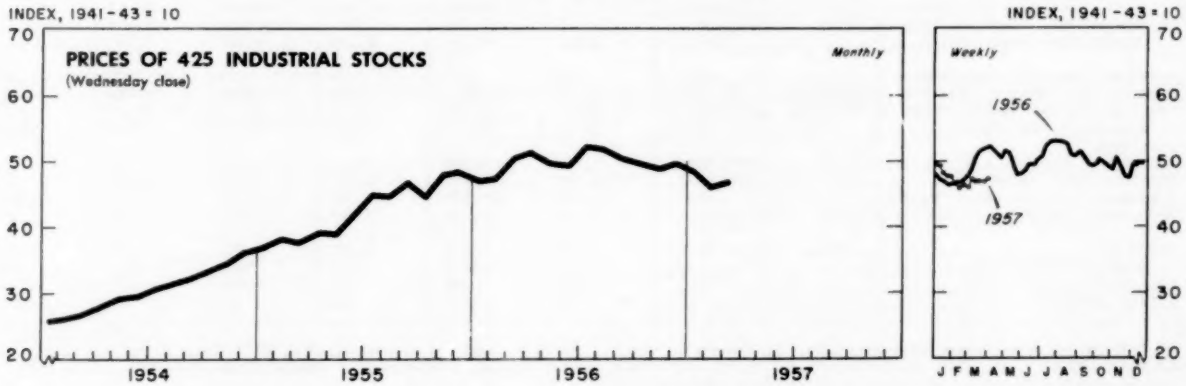

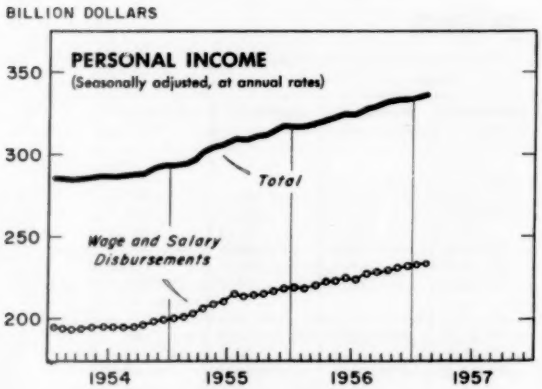

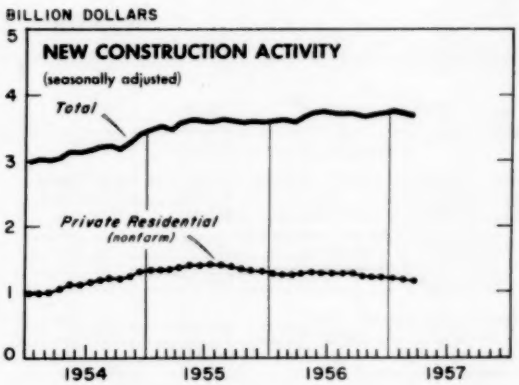

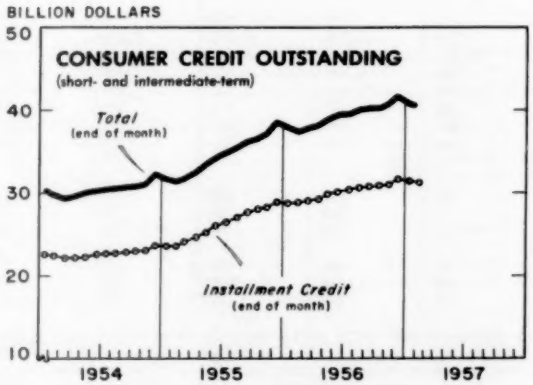

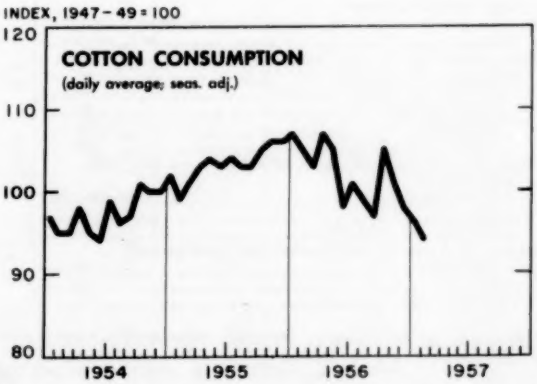

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	Mar. 31	Apr. 7	Mar. 16	Mar. 23	Mar. 30	Apr. 6
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*112.8	116.9	116.9	117.0	116.9
Farm products.....do....	.....	*86.6	88.7	88.9	89.1	89.1
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*99.2	103.7	103.9	104.1	103.9
All other.....do....	.....	*121.0	125.4	125.3	125.3	125.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	90.2	90.9	88.8	88.8	88.6	88.5
Department store sales.....do....	122	104	107	113	112	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,493	1,493	1,723	1,668	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,370	1,377	1,593	1,539	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,249	30,321	30,609	30,589	30,502	30,588
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,661	25,658	24,791	25,158	24,930	25,165
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,028	18,860	18,654	19,204	18,971	18,868
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	573	538	427	603	594	342
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,733	55,392	56,905	55,704	55,472	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,618	21,640	22,929	23,020	23,067	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,631	85,454	85,653	86,747	85,604	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	27,995	27,852	25,676	25,990	25,164	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	27,781	27,578	30,844	31,579	31,443	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,341	8,344	8,740	8,746	8,740	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	263	217	301	318	290	231
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.33	3.35	3.97	3.97	3.96	3.96
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1941-43=10..	48.51	48.80	44.04	44.10	44.09	44.54
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	51.80	52.23	46.88	46.99	46.97	47.47
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,719	1,635	1,704	1,723	1,762	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,992	10,846	11,650	11,723	11,694	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	149,863	157,531	161,904	161,866	152,712	156,834
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,149	7,171	7,799	7,818	7,786	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,452	2,406	2,401	2,392	2,364	2,319
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#99.6	#97.7	93.8	93.5	92.4	90.6
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	725	685	689	686	695	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	382	371	356	355	361	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning April 8, 1957: Production, 2,328 thous. short tons; operating rate, 91.0 percent. *Monthly index for March 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS*						
Personal income, by source, seasonally adj., at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	316.7	317.1	333.5	334.0	r335.0	336.7
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	219.0	218.9	231.0	232.9	r232.7	233.9
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	94.8	94.7	101.1	102.3	r101.2	101.9
Distributive industries.....do....	57.9	57.9	60.6	60.9	r61.5	61.6
Service industries.....do....	29.5	29.5	31.1	31.3	r31.3	31.5
Government.....do....	36.8	36.8	38.2	38.4	r38.7	38.9
Other labor income.....do....	7.3	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	49.4	49.7	51.7	51.2	r51.3	51.5
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	28.5	28.7	30.3	29.2	30.6	30.6
Transfer payments.....do....	18.2	18.3	19.1	19.3	19.6	19.9
Less personal contributions for social insurance...do....	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.7	6.7
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	301.6	301.5	317.9	318.8	r319.7	321.4
Farm income and marketings:						
Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol..	2,530	1,972	3,306	2,768	2,574	p2,032
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do....	2,491	1,945	3,216	2,728	2,530	p2,001
Crops.....do....	1,212	765	1,749	1,406	1,146	p775
Livestock and products, total.....do....	1,279	1,180	1,467	1,322	1,384	p1,226
Dairy products.....do....	364	346	342	371	384	p361
Meat animals.....do....	630	580	806	615	756	p633
Poultry and eggs.....do....	265	234	301	321	220	p209
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	102	80	132	112	104	p82
Crops.....do....	113	71	163	131	107	p72
Livestock and products.....do....	94	87	108	97	102	p90
Indexes of volume of farm marketings, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....do....	122	97	157	128	119	p95
Crops.....do....	117	72	176	131	108	p72
Livestock and products.....do....	126	116	142	125	126	p113

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. *REVISED DATA—Manufacturers' inventories for February 1957 shown in the April 5 issue of the Weekly Supplement have been revised as follows (mil. of dol.): Unadjusted data—total, 52,236; total durables, 30,274; primary metal, 4,320; machinery (incl. elec.), 10,237; transportation equip. (incl. motor vehicles), 7,518; lumber and furniture, 1,804; seasonally adjusted data—total, 51,847; total durables, 30,129; primary metal, 4,327; machinery (incl. elec.), 10,211; transportation equip. (incl. motor vehicles), 7,479; lumber and furniture, 1,804.

ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores:						
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total ... mil. of dol.	22,790	23,840	24,750	22,400	22,890	23,700
Durable-goods stores ... do.	10,870	11,330	10,450	9,940	r10,380	10,780
Nondurable-goods stores ... do.	11,920	12,510	14,300	12,460	r12,510	12,920
Adjusted, total ... do.	24,080	24,210	23,490	23,860	r24,010	23,930
Durable-goods stores ... do.	11,390	11,450	10,420	10,700	r10,770	10,820
Nondurable-goods stores ... do.	12,690	12,760	13,070	13,160	13,240	13,110
Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:						
Unadjusted ... do.	2,449	2,464	3,337	4,136	2,691	2,588
Adjusted ... do.	2,936	2,905	3,132	3,139	r3,108	3,119
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total ... do.	9,360	9,540	11,160	10,570	10,300	9,570
Durable-goods establishments ... do.	3,120	3,230	3,670	3,410	r3,320	3,180
Nondurable-goods establishments ... do.	6,240	6,310	7,490	7,160	r6,980	6,390
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total ... do.	12,480	12,570	13,640	13,310	r13,180	13,100
Durable-goods establishments ... do.	6,280	6,470	6,590	6,540	r6,650	6,780
Nondurable-goods establishments ... do.	6,200	6,100	7,050	6,770	6,530	6,320
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month ... mil. of dol.	37,848	37,474	40,631	41,863	40,916	40,513
Installment credit, total ... do.	28,886	28,915	31,024	31,552	31,298	31,233
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total ... do.	2,885	2,918	3,387	3,735	r3,079	2,954
Repaid, total ... do.	3,019	2,889	3,174	3,207	r3,333	3,019
Adjusted:						
Extended, total ... do.	3,432	3,317	3,453	3,368	r3,512	3,496
Repaid, total ... do.	3,107	2,946	3,160	3,185	r3,311	3,214
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association):						
Production, total ... mil. of bd. ft.	2,940	2,922	2,975	2,554	2,720	2,612
Softwoods ... do.	2,313	2,297	2,368	2,003	2,159	2,039
Shipments, total ... do.	2,908	2,970	2,804	2,390	2,625	2,486
Softwoods ... do.	2,232	2,292	2,248	1,883	2,116	1,951
Stocks, gross (mill and concentration yards), total ... do.	8,737	8,689	9,660	9,824	9,863	9,989
Softwoods ... do.	5,486	5,491	6,023	6,143	6,130	6,218
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Castings, gray iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale ... thous. of short tons.	r1,157	1,141	917	920	906	.....
Shipments, total ... do.	1,250	1,215	1,176	1,109	1,216	.....
For sale ... do.	r676	680	635	587	643	.....
Castings, malleable iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale ... short tons.	116,520	113,616	89,977	92,311	93,886	.....
Shipments, total ... do.	93,562	93,533	82,717	76,352	85,977	.....
For sale ... do.	54,618	54,466	47,979	44,268	51,508	.....
Castings, steel:						
Shipments, total ... do.	158,618	165,398	164,114	158,725	169,240	.....
For sale, total ... do.	123,343	128,598	126,900	125,569	133,826	.....
Railway specialties ... do.	27,954	30,833	28,284	34,080	30,090	.....
Lead:						
Production, secondary, estimated recoverable ... do.	37,629	37,894	34,391	34,498	36,009	.....
Imports (general), ore, metal ... do.	43,950	r31,711	41,294	56,095	54,063	.....
Consumption, total ... do.	107,800	98,000	101,000	89,700	101,400	.....
Stocks, end of month:						
Producers', ore, base bullion, and in process ... do.	117,168	117,531	121,051	118,078	120,975	123,276
Refiners' (primary), refined and antimonial ... do.	31,034	39,930	35,196	39,129	40,559	.....
Consumers', total ... do.	129,133	130,617	102,688	r115,572	118,124	.....
Scrap (lead-base, purchased), all consumers ... do.	57,637	55,164	59,111	r57,020	55,465	.....
Pumps, steam, power, centrifugal and rotary:						
Orders, new ... thous. of dol.	8,094	7,735	8,522	6,838	9,601	.....
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total ... number	690,253	663,586	667,187	700,740	r719,431	662,028
Coaches, total ... do.	253	278	233	228	269	238
Domestic ... do.	242	274	186	103	257	234
Passenger cars, total ... do.	591,032	560,924	576,708	617,599	628,045	570,023
Domestic ... do.	569,846	536,680	556,931	598,394	610,678	556,930
Trucks, total ... do.	98,968	102,384	90,246	82,913	r91,117	91,767
Domestic ... do.	83,752	83,752	74,870	66,123	r73,208	73,693
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:						
Freight cars:						
Shipments, total ... number	4,199	4,995	6,740	7,260	7,822	7,655
Equipment manufacturers, total ... do.	2,981	3,266	4,367	4,272	4,686	4,576
Domestic ... do.	2,981	3,264	4,322	4,272	4,686	4,576
Railroad shops, domestic ... do.	1,218	1,729	2,373	2,988	3,136	3,079
Passenger cars, equipment manufacturers:						
Orders unfilled, end of month, total ... do.	903	858	791	842	840	832
Domestic ... do.	884	837	679	724	728	732
Shipments, total ... do.	42	53	5	9	9	23
Domestic ... do.	42	53	5	5	3	11

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ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	227	228	237	238	234	237
Crops.....do....	233	236	240	239	233	236
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	264	258	277	249	225	236
Cotton.....do....	262	267	262	256	255	252
Feed grains and hay.....do....	173	174	185	187	181	181
Food grains.....do....	220	223	234	236	235	235
Fruit.....do....	212	211	216	227	221	237
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	239	245	264	266	260	265
Potatoes 1/.....do....	175	196	158	162	153	148
Tobacco.....do....	452	453	461	457	458	459
Livestock and products.....do....	220	221	234	237	234	238
Dairy products.....do....	257	250	275	269	266	260
Meat animals.....do....	215	221	239	254	249	263
Poultry and eggs.....do....	188	187	165	155	157	150
Wool.....do....	226	224	256	262	267	274
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	259	261	268	269	271	272
Family living items.....do....	272	274	283	283	284	284
Production items.....do....	245	246	252	255	256	259
All commod.,services,int.,taxes, and wage rates.....do....	280	r281	290	292	294	295
Parity ratio.....do....	81	81	82	82	80	80
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S. Dept. of Commerce index).1935-39=100..	207.7	208.2	213.9	214.1	215.1	.....
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	2,821	3,071	3,370	r3,075	r2,910	3,172
Private, total.....do....	2,088	2,260	2,472	r2,212	r2,110	2,259
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	998	1,116	1,202	1,017	r926	1,013
New dwelling units.....do....	895	1,000	1,060	900	r810	890
Additions and alterations.....do....	73	86	102	79	r80	89
Nonresidential building, total 2/.....do....	648	655	768	r721	r705	709
Industrial.....do....	225	226	270	r269	r270	269
Commercial.....do....	252	257	272	r246	r240	249
Farm construction.....do....	101	109	90	91	96	105
Public utility.....do....	334	373	402	r372	r371	419
Public, total.....do....	733	811	898	863	800	913
Nonresidential building.....do....	284	301	311	331	304	345
Military facilities.....do....	82	89	108	93	86	95
Highway.....do....	200	225	250	220	205	240
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,636	3,570	3,729	r3,769	r3,740	3,635
Private, total.....do....	2,522	2,528	2,542	r2,529	r2,529	2,522
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,280	1,268	1,239	1,211	r1,187	1,151
Nonresidential building, total 2/.....do....	687	705	748	r730	r741	761
Farm construction.....do....	129	128	120	121	123	124
Public utility.....do....	418	419	423	r454	r464	471
Public, total.....do....	1,114	1,042	1,187	1,240	1,211	1,173
Nonresidential building.....do....	338	320	350	376	362	367
Highway.....do....	447	395	455	489	466	429
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	127.8	128.7	132.8	133.0	133.3	.....

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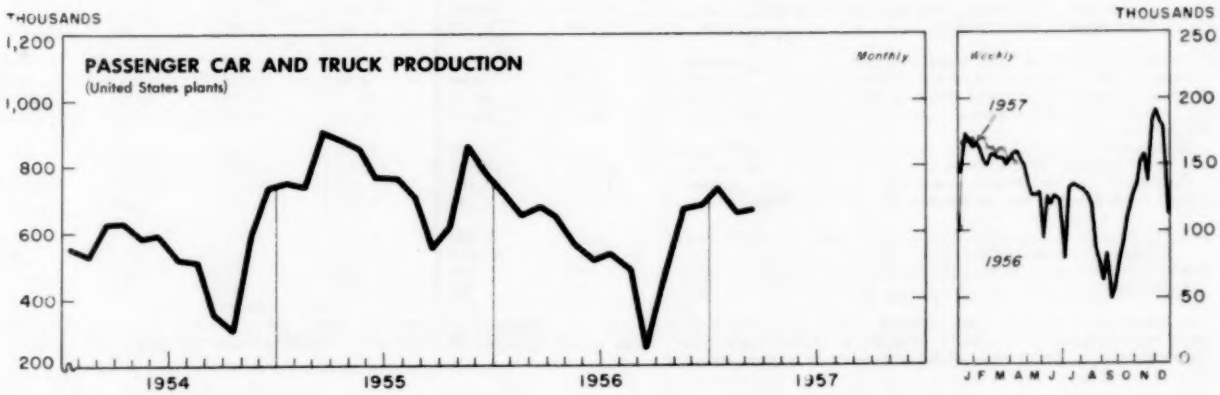

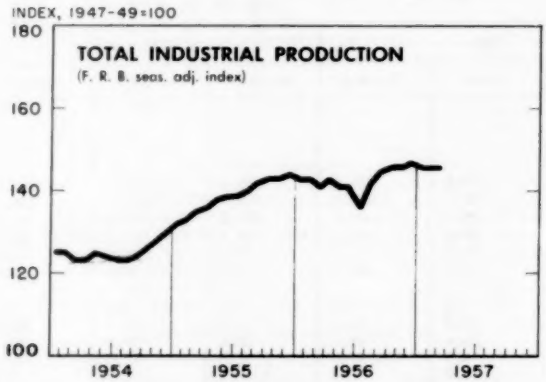

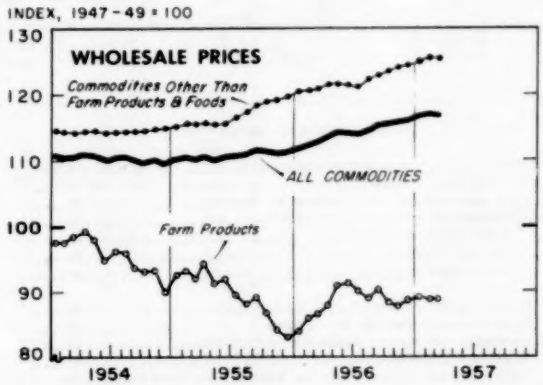

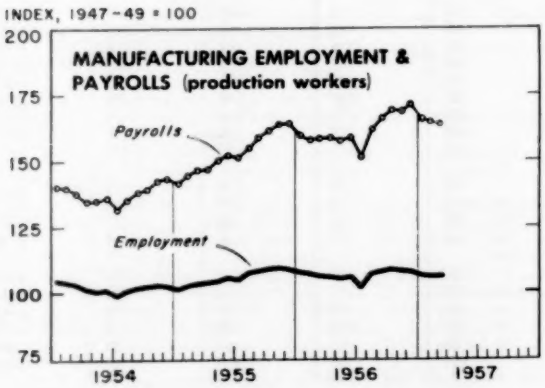

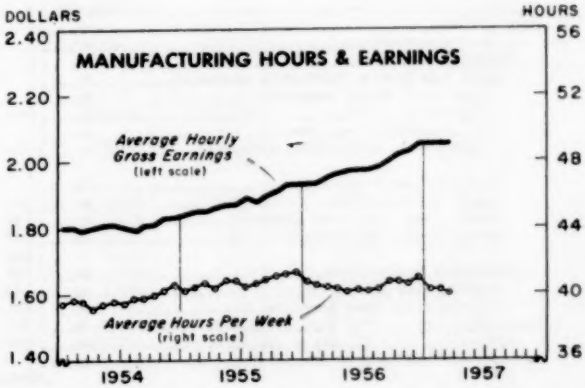

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Mar. 23	Mar. 30	Apr. 6	Apr. 13
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*113.6	.....	.....	117.0	117.2
Farm products.....do....	.....	*88.0	.....	.....	89.2	90.2
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*100.4	.....	.....	104.0	104.7
All other.....do....	.....	*121.6	.....	.....	125.4	125.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	90.9	91.9	88.8	88.6	88.5	89.2
Department store sales.....do....	104	114	113	112	113	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,493	1,488	1,665	1,611	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,377	1,381	1,539	1,448	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,321	30,300	30,589	30,502	30,588	30,654
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,658	25,481	25,158	24,930	25,165	25,400
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,860	18,917	19,204	18,971	18,868	19,088
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	538	633	603	594	342	549
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,392	56,211	55,704	55,472	55,118	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,640	21,607	23,020	23,067	23,157	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,454	85,447	86,747	85,604	87,253	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	27,857	27,696	25,990	25,164	26,635	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	27,578	27,683	31,579	31,443	31,322	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,344	8,377	8,746	8,740	8,691	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	217	255	318	290	231	308
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3.....percent..	3.35	3.39	3.97	3.96	3.96	3.95
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	48.80	48.31	44.10	44.09	44.54	44.98
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	52.23	51.71	46.99	46.97	47.47	47.99
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,635	1,656	1,723	1,762	1,606	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,846	10,918	11,723	11,694	11,693	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	157,531	160,160	161,866	152,712	154,214	151,172
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,171	7,156	7,818	7,786	7,600	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,406	2,483	2,392	2,364	2,319	2,310
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#97.7	#100.9	93.5	92.4	90.6	90.3
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	685	742	686	695	644	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	370	380	355	361	344	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning April 15, 1957: Production, 2,297 thous. short tons; operating rate, 89.7 percent. *Monthly index for April 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source, seasonally adj., at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	317.1	318.6	334.0	335.0	r336.6	337.6
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	218.9	220.3	232.9	232.7	r233.7	234.2
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	94.7	95.1	102.3	101.2	101.9	101.9
Distributive industries.....do....	57.9	58.4	60.9	61.5	r61.5	61.8
Service industries.....do....	29.5	29.6	31.3	31.3	r31.4	31.5
Government.....do....	36.8	37.2	38.4	38.7	38.9	39.0
Other labor income.....do....	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	49.7	49.5	51.2	51.3	51.5	51.5
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	28.7	28.8	29.2	30.6	r30.7	30.9
Transfer payments.....do....	18.3	18.5	19.3	19.6	19.9	20.2
Less personal contributions for social insurance...do....	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.7	6.7	6.7
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	301.5	304.0	318.8	319.7	r321.3	322.2
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	144	143	144	145	147	p148
Manufactures.....do....	146	145	146	146	149	p150
Durable manufactures.....do....	161	161	166	164	r167	p167
Primary metals.....do....	152	152	142	r146	r149	p145
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	172	171	183	181	183	p183
Fabricated metal products.....do....	134	134	139	136	137	p138
Machinery.....do....	168	168	177	175	177	p177
Transportation equipment.....do....	205	202	225	224	r228	p227
Instruments and related products.....do....	161	161	175	r173	r174	p178
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	123	122	125	118	119	p119
Lumber and products.....do....	121	119	104	104	r113	p116
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	150	153	156	r148	151	p155
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	145	142	145	136	r137	p138
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	131	130	125	128	131	p133
Printing and publishing.....do....	130	135	142	136	139	p143
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	143	142	145	r148	r146	p142
Minerals.....do....	127	127	129	130	r130	p133
Coal.....do....	88	86	83	84	86	p88
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	151	151	155	r157	r155	p159

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ITEM	1956 February	1956 March	1956 December	1957 January	1957 February	1957 March
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production (FRB) - Continued						
Adjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	143	141	147	146	146	p146
Manufactures.....do....	144	143	149	147	147	p147
Durable manufactures.....do....	158	157	167	164	164	p163
Primary metals.....do....	146	145	145	144	143	p138
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	168	167	183	180	180	p179
Fabricated metal products.....do....	134	132	141	137	137	p137
Machinery.....do....	163	163	176	173	r171	p171
Transportation equipment.....do....	199	196	223	221	223	p222
Instruments and related products.....do....	161	160	173	r173	r174	p177
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	122	121	120	118	r117	p118
Lumber and products.....do....	123	118	117	114	r114	p115
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	155	154	158	r155	156	p157
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	143	141	144	140	r136	p136
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	130	128	130	r131	r131	p131
Printing and publishing.....do....	132	132	140	141	141	p140
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	142	144	145	r147	r145	p144
Minerals.....do....	129	129	131	130	r131	p135
Coal.....do....	88	90	80	80	86	p92
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	148	148	154	154	r152	p156
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do....	143	143	141	r137	r142	p142
Major consumer durables.....do....	157	157	154	r148	155	p155
Autos.....do....	164	163	177	174	178	p171
Major household goods.....do....	153	155	137	r128	137	.....
Other consumer durables.....do....	110	108	110	r110	r112	p111
Adjusted index, total.....do....	137	133	141	r137	137	p134
Major consumer durables.....do....	149	144	154	r147	147	p143
Autos.....do....	155	145	168	169	167	p159
Major household goods.....do....	146	144	143	r129	131	.....
Other consumer durables.....do....	111	108	113	r114	114	p112
COMMODITY PRICES						
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	112.4	112.8	116.3	116.9	117.0	116.9
Farm products.....do....	86.0	86.6	88.9	89.3	88.8	88.8
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do....	98.2	106.5	102.6	100.7	96.1	94.1
Grains.....do....	82.9	84.5	88.8	89.5	87.0	87.5
Livestock and live poultry.....do....	67.7	67.5	71.7	73.9	75.0	76.6
Foods, processed.....do....	99.0	99.2	103.1	104.3	r103.9	103.7
Cereal and bakery products.....do....	115.4	115.4	115.4	115.8	115.9	116.7
Dairy products and ice cream.....do....	106.1	106.1	112.6	112.5	112.5	111.3
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do....	108.9	108.6	105.6	105.6	105.9	105.9
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	76.1	74.6	81.5	84.8	83.9	84.6
Commodities other than farm products and foods.....do....	120.6	121.0	124.7	125.2	125.5	125.4
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	106.4	106.5	108.3	108.7	108.8	108.8
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do....	111.2	110.9	114.0	116.3	119.6	119.4
Furniture, other household durables.....do....	118.2	118.1	121.2	121.9	r121.9	121.8
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	97.1	97.7	99.2	98.4	98.0	98.3
Lumber and wood products.....do....	126.7	128.0	121.0	121.3	120.7	120.1
Machinery and motive products.....do....	133.9	134.7	143.6	143.9	r144.5	144.6
Metals and metal products.....do....	145.1	146.5	152.3	152.2	r151.4	151.0
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do....	127.1	127.9	131.3	132.0	r132.7	133.2
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	125.4	126.8	128.0	128.6	128.5	128.7
Rubber and products.....do....	147.1	146.2	147.9	145.0	r143.9	144.3
Textile products and apparel.....do....	96.0	95.9	95.6	95.8	95.7	95.4
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	121.7	121.7	123.6	124.0	124.1	124.1
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started:						
Unadjusted: Total, privately and publicly owned.thousands..	r78.4	98.6	r63.6	65.0	65.0	83.0
Privately owned, total.....do....	77.0	93.9	62.9	62.2	62.5	75.5
In metropolitan areas.....do....	56.9	69.6	44.6	44.2	45.0	54.2
Publicly owned.....do....	r1.4	4.7	.7	2.8	2.5	7.5
Seasonally adjusted at annual rate:						
Privately owned, total.....do....	1,127.0	1,094.0	1,020.0	1,010.0	910.0	880.0
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores: 1/						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	13,686	15,864	19,532	14,889	r14,193	15,813
Durable-goods stores:						
Automotive group.....do....	2,812	3,195	3,122	2,996	r2,948	3,263
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	757	808	1,194	776	r754	814
Nondurable-goods stores:						
Apparel group.....do....	667	1,003	1,694	785	r694	840
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	451	479	632	488	r467	488
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,041	1,114	1,201	1,096	r1,055	1,137
Food group.....do....	3,446	3,939	4,204	3,838	r3,615	4,085
Gasoline service stations.....do....	983	1,078	1,182	1,137	r1,067	1,146
General-merchandise group.....do....	1,271	1,649	3,033	1,328	r1,276	1,506
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	15,346	15,740	16,491	16,439	r16,494	16,322
Durable-goods stores.....do....	5,354	5,466	5,814	5,706	r5,742	5,581
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	9,992	10,274	10,677	10,733	r10,753	10,741

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ March 1957 figures are advance estimates.

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ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census):						
Civilian labor force.....thousands..	65,490	65,913	67,029	1/65,821	1/66,311	1/66,746
Employed.....do....	62,576	63,078	64,550	1/62,578	1/63,190	1/63,865
Agricultural employment.....do....	5,469	5,678	5,110	1/4,935	1/5,195	1/5,434
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	57,107	57,400	59,440	1/57,643	1/57,996	1/58,431
Unemployed.....do....	2,914	2,834	2,479	1/3,244	1/3,121	1/2,882
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Department of Labor).....do....	50,246	50,499	53,131	r51,238	r51,199	p51,344
Manufacturing.....do....	16,824	16,764	17,133	r16,937	r16,922	p16,898
Mining.....do....	780	783	811	r804	r805	p803
Contract construction.....do....	2,588	2,669	3,029	r2,719	r2,724	p2,796
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	4,083	4,106	4,180	r4,112	4,103	p4,122
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	10,819	10,931	12,092	r11,139	r11,062	p11,061
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,250	2,265	2,308	r2,294	r2,305	p2,309
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	5,818	5,859	5,976	5,918	5,929	5,962
Government.....do....	7,084	7,122	7,602	r7,315	r7,349	p7,393
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Total.....do....	13,212	13,125	13,312	r13,117	r13,084	p13,048
Durable-goods industries.....do....	7,692	7,621	7,791	r7,703	r7,680	p7,649
Ordnance and accessories.....do....	86	84	83	81	r79	p79
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	635	619	607	r573	569	p556
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	322	318	318	r310	r310	p309
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	466	472	473	r461	r458	p466
Primary metal industries.....do....	1,138	1,130	1,133	r1,130	r1,120	p1,117
Fabricated metal products.....do....	899	893	909	r906	r903	p895
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	1,274	1,281	1,289	r1,299	r1,308	p1,307
Electrical machinery.....do....	849	842	907	r892	r883	p876
Transportation equipment.....do....	1,392	1,354	1,439	r1,440	r1,439	p1,431
Instruments and related products.....do....	231	231	236	r234	r233	p235
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	5,520	5,504	5,521	r5,414	r5,404	p5,399
Food and kindred products.....do....	1,013	1,021	1,082	r1,027	r1,005	p1,005
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	90	82	98	r92	88	p79
Textile-mill products.....do....	989	981	942	r929	r925	p921
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1,131	1,116	1,088	r1,071	r1,090	p1,096
Paper and allied products.....do....	456	457	470	465	r462	p462
Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do....	540	545	566	557	r557	p560
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	558	566	552	553	r555	p557
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	170	172	173	r170	r172	p172
Rubber products.....do....	225	221	222	222	r219	p216
Leather and leather products.....do....	350	344	329	r327	r331	p331
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	106.8	106.1	107.6	r106.0	r105.8	p105.5
Adjusted.....do....	107.2	106.4	107.2	106.8	106.2	p105.7
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	157.7	157.9	170.9	r165.1	r164.7	p163.4
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing..hours..	40.5	40.4	41.0	r40.2	40.2	p40.0
Durable-goods industries.....do....	41.0	40.9	41.9	r40.9	40.9	p40.7
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	39.8	39.6	39.8	r39.2	r39.3	p39.2
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	78.17	78.78	84.05	r82.41	82.41	p82.00
Durable-goods industries.....do....	84.05	84.25	91.34	r89.16	r88.75	p88.73
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	69.65	70.49	74.03	r72.91	r73.10	p73.30
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	1.93	1.95	2.05	2.05	2.05	p2.05
Durable-goods industries.....do....	2.05	2.06	2.18	r2.18	r2.17	p2.18
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	1.75	1.78	1.86	1.86	1.86	p1.87

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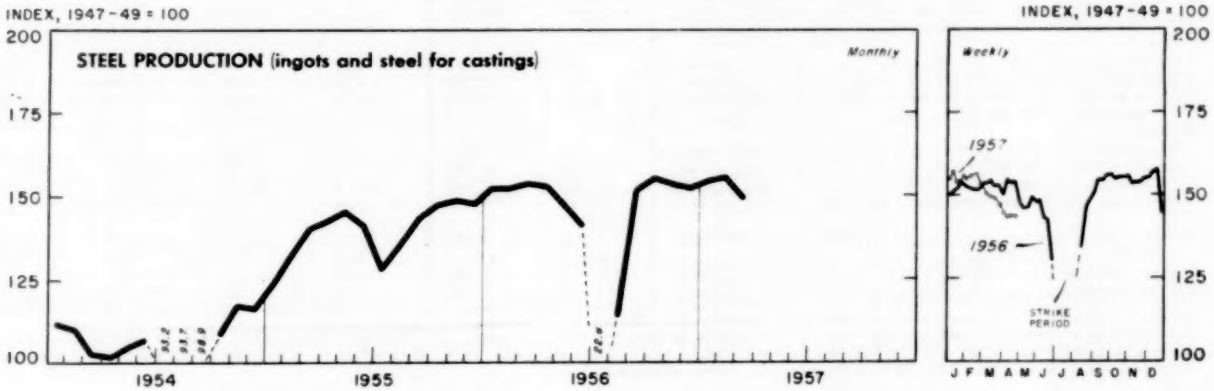

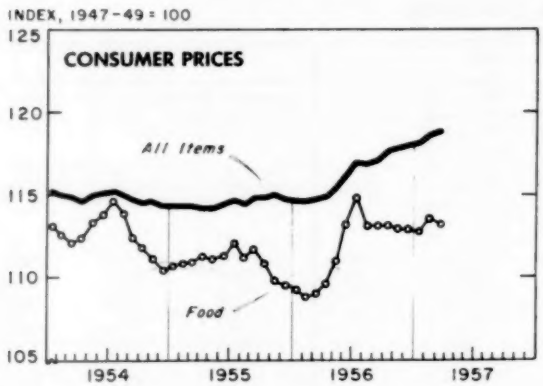

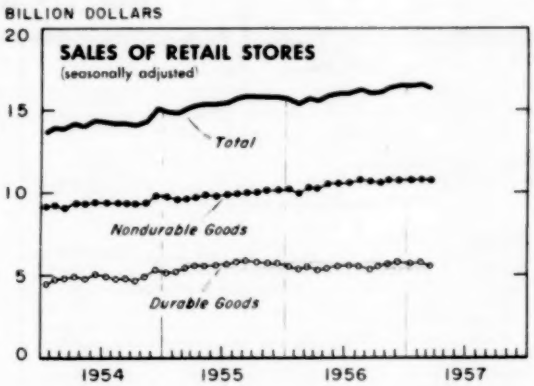

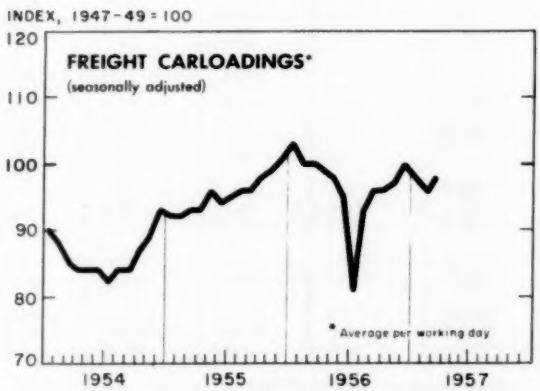

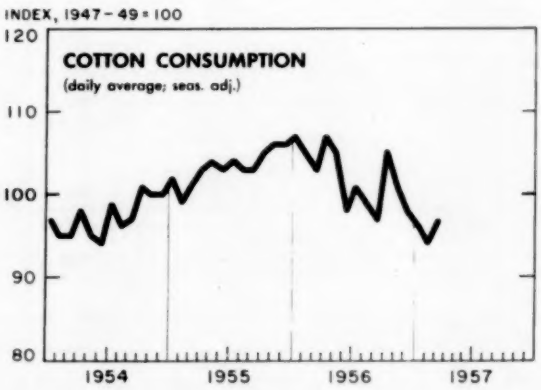

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Apr. 14	Apr. 21	Mar. 30	Apr. 6	Apr. 13	Apr. 20
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*113.6	.....	117.0	117.2	117.2
Farm products.....do....	.....	*88.0	.....	89.2	90.2	90.7
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*100.4	.....	104.0	104.7	104.5
All other.....do....	.....	*121.6	.....	125.4	125.3	125.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	91.9	91.9	88.6	88.5	89.2	89.1
Department store sales.....do....	114	113	112	113	122	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,488	1,424	1,611	1,594	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,381	1,324	1,448	1,474	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,300	30,290	30,502	30,588	30,655	30,681
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,481	25,497	24,930	25,165	25,400	25,520
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,917	18,909	18,971	18,868	19,088	19,107
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	633	591	594	342	547	548
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,211	56,713	55,472	55,118	55,343	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,607	21,596	23,067	23,157	23,164	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,447	85,487	85,604	87,253	86,887	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	27,696	27,695	25,164	26,635	26,319	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	27,683	27,770	31,443	31,322	31,354	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,377	8,412	8,740	8,691	8,689	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	255	252	290	231	308	302
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.39	3.43	3.96	3.96	3.95	3.96
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1941-43=10..	48.31	47.74	44.09	44.54	44.98	45.08
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	51.71	51.02	46.97	47.47	47.99	48.10
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,656	1,631	1,762	1,600	1,650	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,918	10,894	11,694	11,693	11,695	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	160,160	153,163	152,712	154,214	148,955	142,524
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,156	7,130	7,786	7,614	7,442	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,483	2,466	2,364	2,319	2,310	2,313
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#100.9	#100.2	92.4	90.6	90.3	90.4
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	742	763	695	644	674	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	380	389	361	344	345	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning April 22, 1957: Production, 2,310 thous. short tons; operating rate, 90.3 percent. *Monthly index for April 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Business incorporations:						
New incorporations (48 States).....number..	12,503	12,822	10,788	r13,387	r10,791	11,815
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index:						
All items.....1947-49=100..	114.6	114.7	118.0	118.2	118.7	1/118.9
Apparel.....do....	104.6	104.8	107.0	106.4	106.1	106.8
Food.....do....	108.8	109.0	112.9	112.8	113.6	113.2
Dairy products.....do....	107.3	106.9	111.3	111.2	111.1	110.7
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	113.3	114.8	117.4	116.9	116.5	116.1
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	93.6	92.8	98.0	99.0	101.4	100.6
Housing.....do....	120.7	120.7	123.5	123.8	124.5	124.9
Gas and electricity.....do....	111.7	111.7	112.0	112.3	112.4	112.4
Housefurnishings.....do....	102.5	103.1	104.1	104.0	105.0	104.9
Rent.....do....	131.5	131.6	134.2	134.2	134.2	134.4
Medical care.....do....	130.9	131.4	134.7	135.3	135.5	136.4
Personal care.....do....	118.9	119.2	121.8	122.1	122.6	122.9
Reading and recreation.....do....	107.5	107.7	109.3	109.9	110.0	110.5
Transportation.....do....	126.9	126.7	133.1	133.6	134.4	135.1
Private.....do....	117.0	116.8	123.3	123.8	124.5	125.2
Public.....do....	170.5	170.8	174.1	174.9	175.8	175.8
Other goods and services.....do....	120.9	121.2	123.3	123.8	124.0	124.2
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....do....	89.0	88.7	86.0	85.5	85.5	2/85.5
Consumer prices.....do....	87.3	87.2	84.7	84.6	84.2	2/84.1
Retail food prices.....do....	91.9	91.7	88.6	88.7	88.0	2/88.3
Wholesale prices of selected commodities:						
Wheat flour, short patents (Minn.)..dol. per 100 lb. sack..	6.220	6.110	6.030	6.020	6.020	p5.950
Calves, vealers (Chicago).....dol. per 100 lb..	28.00	24.50	21.50	25.00	27.50	p26.00
Lumber:						
Douglas fir, const.,No. 1, 2" x 4",R.L..dol.per M bd.ft..	89.180	89.320	80.654	81.989	80.905	p80.185
Southern pine, boards, No. 2, 1" x 6", R.L.....do....	81.294	84.079	82.062	80.465	78.395	p78.121
Ponderosa pine, boards, No. 3, common, 1" x 8".....do....	81.30	82.31	71.46	72.52	73.38	p73.38

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Index based on 1935-39=100 is 198.8. 2/ Indexes based on 1935-39=100 are as follows: Measured by-- wholesale prices, 44.7; consumer prices, 50.3; retail food, 43.7.

ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
COMMODITY PRICES - Continued						
Wholesale prices of selected commodities - Continued						
Pig iron:						
Basic (furnace).....dol. per long ton..	58.50	58.50	62.50	62.50	62.50	p64.50
Foundry, No. 2, Northern.....do....	59.00	59.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	p65.00
Steel:						
Steel billets, rerolling, carbon, f.o.b. mill dol. per short ton..	78.50	78.50	84.00	84.00	89.00	p89.00
Structural shapes (carbon), f.o.b. mill.....dol. per lb..	.0487	.0487	.0527	.0553	r.0567	p.0567
Scrap, No. 1,heavy melting (Pittsburgh).dol.per long ton..	49.00	48.50	66.50	62.50	53.50	p50.50
Coal, bituminous:						
Screenings, indust. use, f.o.b. car at mine dol. per short ton..	4.731	4.779	5.433	5.467	5.467	p5.467
Large domestic sizes, f.o.b. car at mine.....do....	7.229	7.071	7.630	7.641	7.641	p7.486
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: 1/						
Total.....thous. of sq. yd..	8,259	8,362	2/6,501	7,163	7,229	9,582
Airports.....do....	1,726	798	405	1,499	1,489	3,023
Roads.....do....	4,319	4,547	2/3,955	3,990	4,425	4,660
Streets and alleys.....do....	2,214	3,017	2/2,141	1,674	1,316	1,899
Construction cost indexes:						
American Appraisal Co., The, average, 30 cities...1913=100..	623	625	647	649	653	654
Atlanta.....do....	667	676	699	702	705	710
New York.....do....	648	652	687	701	703	704
San Francisco.....do....	586	588	594	594	610	610
St. Louis.....do....	630	632	638	640	643	644
E. H. Boeckh and Associates:						
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	271.6	272.4	281.9	282.7	283.1	283.5
Brick and steel.....do....	267.7	268.7	277.7	278.3	278.5	278.8
Brick and wood.....do....	270.5	271.6	277.4	277.9	278.3	278.4
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do....	279.4	280.4	290.2	291.3	291.8	292.4
Brick and steel.....do....	277.1	278.4	289.6	290.3	291.3	291.6
Brick and wood.....do....	269.0	269.9	276.5	277.4	278.1	278.2
Frame.....do....	270.5	271.4	275.5	275.4	275.3	275.4
Steel.....do....	261.8	263.3	276.4	276.8	278.4	278.7
Residences:						
Brick.....do....	271.2	272.1	277.8	278.3	278.6	278.7
Frame.....do....	265.2	266.2	270.6	270.7	270.8	270.9
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	7,158	12,499	5,898	5,279	7,486	12,145
Receipts, net.....do....	6,195	11,313	5,412	4,809	6,188	10,737
Customs.....do....	57	59	59	64	53	66
Income and employment taxes.....do....	5,959	11,344	4,570	3,903	6,313	10,887
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....do....	944	963	894	978	963	1,063
All other receipts.....do....	198	133	374	333	157	129
Expenditures.....do....	4,950	5,399	5,718	6,095	5,743	5,584
Interest on public debt.....do....	553	559	631	651	585	601
All other expenditures.....do....	4,397	4,840	5,087	5,444	5,158	4,983

	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	47,988	44,500	51,671	54,232	56,255	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	16,756	16,108	22,803	23,344	20,431	.....
Mail, ton-miles flown.....do....	7,145	7,181	7,522	10,482	7,866	.....
Passengers carried, revenue.....do....	2,810	2,645	3,040	2,913	3,045	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	1,653	1,507	1,656	1,765	1,896	.....
Telephone carriers:						
Operating revenues.....thous. of dol..	487,210	481,642	520,872	536,491	538,572	.....
Station revenues.....do....	281,381	279,770	297,972	304,385	307,397	.....
Tolls, message.....do....	164,415	160,248	176,933	185,135	184,278	.....
Operating expenses, before taxes.....do....	322,446	317,403	352,456	348,942	353,586	.....
Net operating income.....do....	66,367	65,936	68,729	78,940	74,122	.....
Phones in service, end of month.....thousands..	49,216	49,488	52,034	52,475	52,897	.....
Telegraph, cable, and radiotelegraph carriers:						
Wire-telegraph:						
Operating revenues.....thous. of dol..	18,720	18,395	20,250	20,828	20,680	19,182
Operating expenses, including depreciation.....do....	16,658	15,985	17,879	18,135	18,299	16,924
Net operating revenues.....do....	1,155	1,522	1,713	2,264	1,371	1,306
Ocean-cable:						
Operating revenues.....do....	2,903	2,692	3,078	3,094	3,034	2,689
Operating expenses, including depreciation.....do....	2,145	2,066	2,205	2,072	2,231	2,249
Net operating revenues.....do....	482	369	626	728	528	197
Radiotelegraph:						
Operating revenues.....do....	3,083	2,961	3,656	3,569	3,591	3,332
Operating expenses, including depreciation.....do....	2,453	2,390	2,519	2,653	2,641	2,443
Net operating revenues.....do....	512	465	1,069	814	843	791

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ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
FOODSTUFFS						
Distilled spirits, consumption for beverage purposes ....thous. of wine gallons..	14,616	r17,400	25,159	14,375	15,936	.....
Corn grindings, wet process....thous. of bu..	12,036	11,963	10,690	11,731	10,874	11,313
Rice, California:						
Receipts, domestic, rough....thous. of lb..	59,401	57,841	75,193	55,410	126,523	153,906
Shipments from mills, milled rice....do....	38,185	30,936	35,564	39,331	98,210	129,567
Stocks, rough and cleaned (cleaned basis), end of month....do....	100,920	103,365	97,309	91,446	75,950	50,793
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Iron ore (Lake Superior district):						
Consumption by furnaces....thous. of long tons..	.....	1/23,370	7,840	7,892	7,099	.....
Stocks, end of month, total....do....	.....	23,020	45,508	37,484	30,110	.....
At furnaces....do....	.....	20,365	41,231	33,580	26,817	.....
On Lake Erie docks....do....	.....	2,655	4,277	3,905	3,293	.....
Pig iron, production....thous. of short tons..	6,603	7,149	7,335	7,282	6,658	7,247
Steel forgings (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, total....do....	589.0	577.7	537.9	536.9	532.9	.....
Shipments, total....do....	151.7	158.9	129.6	147.7	135.0	.....
Drop and upset....do....	118.1	122.2	96.3	113.0	102.2	.....
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:						
Electric processing....thous. of dol..	1,768	2,221	2,095	2,062	4,441	1,809
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel)....do....	9,770	3,526	2,943	4,581	3,429	6,794
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton: 2/						
Consumption....bales..	760,017	916,176	631,507	840,567	684,366	690,627
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total....thousands..	20,984	20,888	20,237	20,231	20,161	19,985
Consuming 100 percent cotton....do....	19,428	19,350	r18,786	18,725	18,639	18,457
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total...mil. of hr..	10,355	r12,563	8,681	11,599	9,411	9,400
Average per working day....do....	518	503	434	464	471	437
Consuming 100 percent cotton....do....	9,633	11,740	8,062	10,790	8,749	8,731
Rayon and acetate:						
Production:						
Filament yarn....mil. of lb..	68.9	71.0	61.0	69.8	61.3	63.8
Staple (incl. tow)....do....	35.9	36.2	35.0	37.7	31.9	35.3
Stocks, producers', end of month, total....do....	82.3	89.6	107.5	104.6	105.6	112.2
Filament yarn....do....	46.1	49.5	62.2	58.2	59.2	62.6
Staple (incl. tow)....do....	36.2	40.1	45.3	46.4	46.4	49.6
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:						
Freight cars:						
Shipments, total....number..	4,995	5,995	7,260	r8,403	r8,184	9,772
Equipment manufacturers, total....do....	3,266	4,372	4,272	4,686	4,576	5,611
Domestic....do....	3,264	4,332	4,272	4,686	4,576	5,611
Railroad shops, domestic....do....	1,729	1,623	2,988	r3,717	r3,608	4,161
Passenger cars, equipment manufacturers:						
Orders unfilled, end of month, total....do....	858	812	842	840	832	826
Domestic....do....	837	784	724	728	732	739
Shipments, total....do....	53	54	9	9	23	6
Domestic....do....	53	54	5	3	11	3

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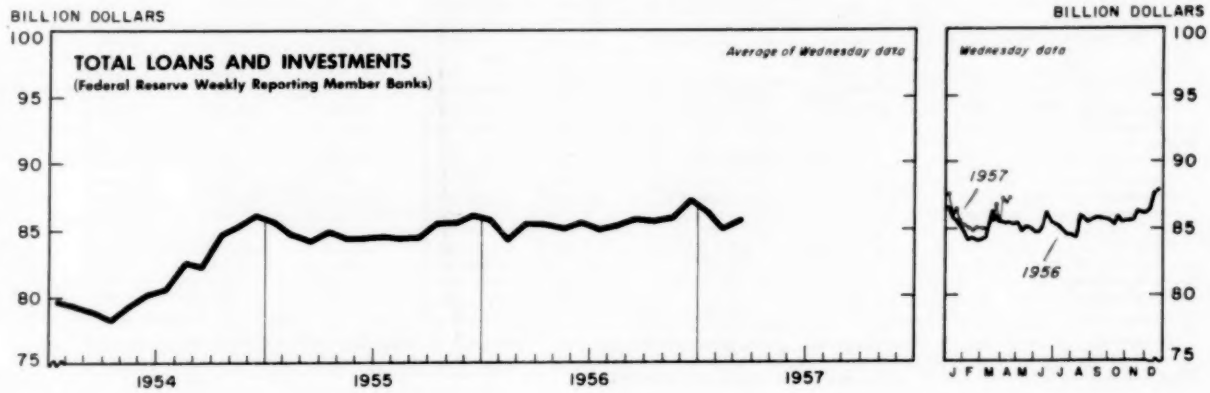

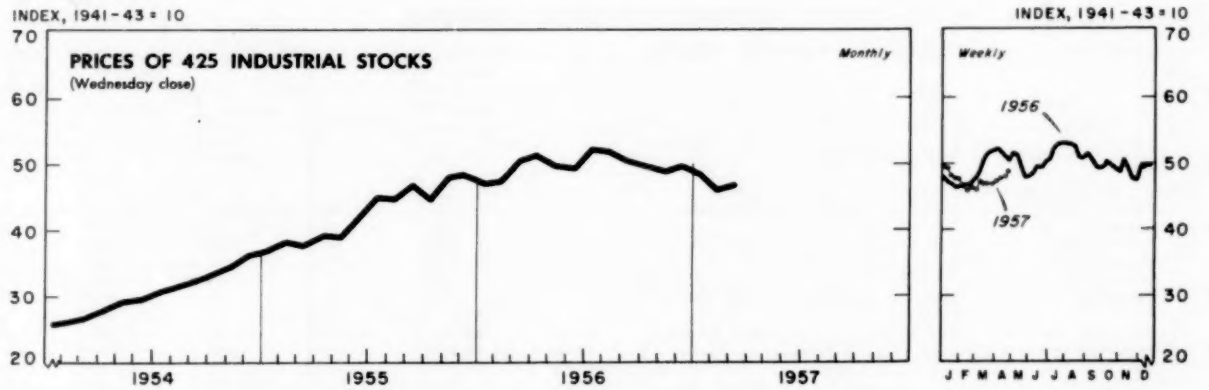

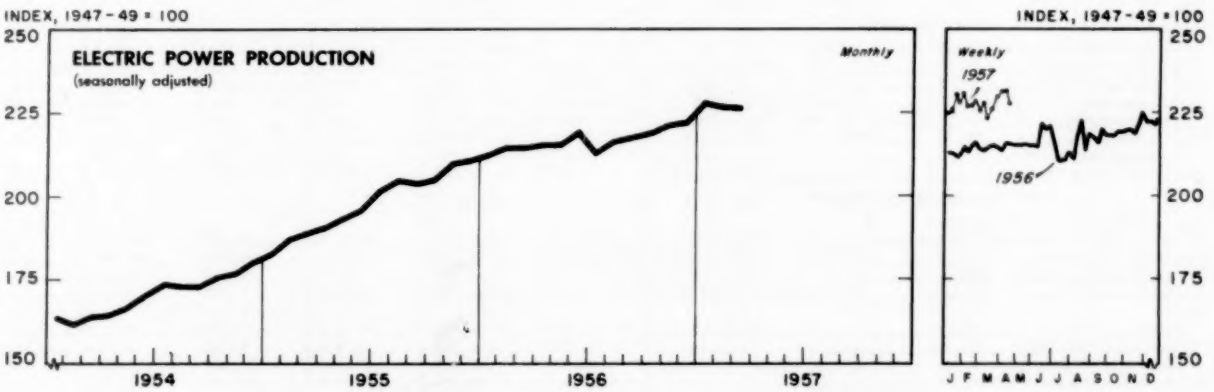

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	Apr. 21	Apr. 28	Apr. 6	Apr. 13	Apr. 20	Apr. 27
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*113.6	117.0	117.2	117.2	117.3
Farm products.....do....	.....	*88.0	89.2	90.2	90.7	90.7
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*100.4	104.0	104.7	104.6	104.8
All other.....do....	.....	*121.6	125.4	125.3	125.3	125.4
22 commodities 2/.....do....	91.9	92.1	88.5	89.2	89.1	88.7
Department store sales.....do....	113	119	113	122	128	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,424	1,371	1,592	1,581	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,324	1,279	1,474	1,467	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,290	30,155	30,588	30,655	30,681	30,610
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,497	25,374	25,165	25,400	25,520	25,695
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,909	18,884	18,868	19,088	19,107	19,201
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	591	540	342	547	548	568
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,713	56,908	55,118	55,588	56,588	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,596	21,590	23,157	23,172	23,097	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,487	85,340	87,253	86,930	87,268	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	27,695	27,509	26,635	26,305	26,258	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	27,770	27,842	31,322	31,376	31,547	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,412	8,424	8,691	8,690	8,699	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	252	236	231	308	302	263
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.43	3.46	3.96	3.95	3.96	3.98
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	47.74	47.09	44.54	44.98	45.08	45.72
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	51.02	50.26	47.47	47.99	48.10	48.82
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,631	1,673	1,600	1,650	1,700	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,894	10,867	11,693	11,695	11,485	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	153,163	149,143	154,214	148,955	141,693	149,367
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,130	7,146	7,614	7,442	7,551	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,466	2,473	2,319	2,310	2,313	2,269
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#100.2	#100.5	90.6	90.3	90.4	88.7
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	763	778	644	674	687	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	389	390	344	345	344	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday date; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning April 29, 1957: Production, 2,278 thous. short tons; operating rate, 89.0 percent. *Monthly index for April 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....number..	1,024	1,170	982	1,148	1,146	1,336
Commercial service.....do....	62	102	83	71	93	99
Construction.....do....	141	150	183	177	180	205
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	202	224	172	197	199	239
Retail trade.....do....	511	572	472	612	568	672
Wholesale trade.....do....	108	122	72	91	106	121
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	49,189	42,622	50,279	54,060	65,406	55,833
Commercial service.....do....	1,920	2,015	3,780	4,086	2,493	3,833
Construction.....do....	9,881	7,089	8,149	10,672	8,440	10,424
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	17,647	15,649	21,785	16,105	33,402	17,760
Retail trade.....do....	14,693	12,430	10,946	17,862	14,780	17,816
Wholesale trade.....do....	5,048	5,439	5,619	5,335	6,291	6,000
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Printers' ink advertising index, adjusted: 1/						
Combined index.....1947-49=100..	r205	r195	r201	207	206	.....
Business papers.....do....	r195	r191	r203	207	213	.....
Magazines.....do....	r157	r160	r161	164	153	.....
Newspapers.....do....	r220	r191	r185	203	210	.....
Outdoor.....do....	r171	r148	r153	167	153	.....
Radio (network).....do....	r33	r33	r33	35	39	.....
Television (network).....1950-52=100..	r349	r346	r375	373	361	.....
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	42,662	41,851	49,737	r53,628	41,227	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do....	73,385	79,150	90,378	85,428	74,946	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	1,931	1,728	1,618	1,491	1,512	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	8,820	10,166	14,456	7,978	8,955	.....
DDT.....thous. of lb..	10,742	11,083	11,201	10,878	9,311	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do....	7,702	6,791	8,306	8,748	5,702	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do....	81,911	81,632	95,181	93,089	82,526	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do....	110,519	121,906	107,918	109,149	105,976	.....

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ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Continued						
Organic chemicals, production - Continued						
Methanol:						
Natural (100%)....thous. of gal..	178	189	172	171	.....	.....
Synthetic (100%)....do....	17,070	20,703	21,312	20,503	18,144	.....
Phthalic anhydride....thous. of lb..	28,714	29,625	27,093	25,561	27,242	.....
Potash deliveries....short tons..	223,621	210,257	179,599	162,814	183,140	266,028
Explosives (industrial), shipments:						
Black blasting powder....thous. of lb..	461	526	494	546	722	246
High explosives....do....	63,987	71,445	67,568	70,015	67,094	71,654
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes....thous. of lb..	3,426	4,296	3,724	3,491	3,292	.....
Molding and extrusion materials....do....	7,178	8,007	8,452	7,456	7,187	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes....do....	497	501	317	377	429	.....
Other cellulose plastics....do....	501	585	472	525	375	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins....do....	42,799	43,935	35,206	41,373	37,064	.....
Polystyrene....do....	40,401	43,272	41,794	43,507	46,097	.....
Urea and melamine resins....do....	26,507	25,161	21,370	23,097	22,556	.....
Vinyl resins....do....	61,607	66,675	67,870	67,096	64,005	.....
Alkyd resins....do....	32,392	33,482	27,874	34,948	29,980	.....
Rosin modifications....do....	12,055	11,468	10,024	10,848	10,517	.....
Polyester resins....do....	5,366	5,986	6,139	7,265	7,187	.....
Polyethylene resins....do....	41,416	40,567	51,413	r52,594	49,800	.....
Miscellaneous....do....	12,898	13,829	13,679	14,829	13,080	.....
ELECTRIC POWER						
Sales to ultimate customers, total (Edison Electric Institute)....mil. of kw.-hr..	*43,654	**r44,874	46,161	47,693	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial:						
Small light and power....do....	*6,945	**r7,095	7,428	7,640	.....	.....
Large light and power....do....	*22,703	**r22,747	23,673	23,795	.....	.....
Railways and railroads....do....	*433	**427	389	412	.....	.....
Residential or domestic....do....	*11,495	**r12,542	12,424	13,561	.....	.....
Rural (district rural rates)....do....	*699	**r682	764	784	.....	.....
Street and highway lighting....do....	*452	**r453	483	487	.....	.....
Other public authorities....do....	*50	**48	54	39	.....	.....
Interdepartmental....do....	*876	**r881	945	973	.....	.....
Revenue from sales to ultimate customers (Edison Electric Institute)....thous. of dol..	*712,806	**733,224	757,026	784,979	.....	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Dairy products:						
Production:						
Butter, creamery (factory)....thous. of lb..	113,030	129,300	102,810	116,405	109,255	124,855
Cheese (factory), total....do....	97,025	119,070	96,240	100,920	97,105	116,150
Condensed milk (sweetened), case goods....do....	4,300	3,410	7,110	7,350	8,275	6,380
Evaporated milk (unsweetened), case goods....do....	170,900	208,950	152,200	162,000	169,850	212,600
Dry milk:						
Dry whole milk....do....	8,800	9,425	8,250	7,700	6,500	6,450
Nonfat dry milk solids (human food)....do....	123,800	147,700	104,800	120,900	122,400	144,090
Stocks:						
Condensed milk (sweetened), case goods....do....	8,230	8,133	9,649	9,117	9,559	8,925
Evaporated milk (unsweetened), case goods....do....	110,578	111,413	224,025	156,420	123,616	83,361
Dry milk:						
Dry whole milk....do....	8,914	8,290	10,757	10,384	10,450	9,430
Nonfat dry milk solids (human food)....do....	81,310	91,896	69,461	65,623	63,308	69,029
Meats:						
Production, total....mil. of lb..	2,018.4	2,127.6	2,063.9	2,199.0	1,843.3	1,932.0
Beef and veal....do....	909.9	958.9	987.0	1,111.7	902.5	918.1
Lamb and mutton....do....	56.9	59.3	50.3	64.8	53.9	49.5
Pork, including lard....do....	1,051.6	1,109.4	1,026.6	1,022.6	886.9	964.4
Lard....do....	203.2	224.1	198.6	196.4	172.8	190.8
Coffee, visible supply, United States....thous. of bags..	793	770	965	988	1,181	853
Sugar, U. S., deliveries and supply (raw value):						
Production....short tons..	39,789	38,740	546,245	115,426	53,164	.....
Entries from off-shore....do....	521,462	608,051	202,748	519,988	453,611	565,977
Hawaii and Puerto Rico....do....	149,339	146,223	86,742	50,532	93,376	157,876
Deliveries, total....do....	626,942	716,555	665,418	590,353	538,498	.....
For domestic consumption....do....	613,522	699,165	661,137	585,089	r536,683	607,739
Stocks, raw and refined, end of mo....thous. of short tons..	1,862	1,762	1,906	1,826	1,809	1,793
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Tin:						
Production, pig, total....long tons..	1,935	2,012	1,788	2,049	1/260	.....
Imports for consumption:						
Ore....do....	2,746	1,761	127	15	0	.....
Bars, pigs, etc....do....	5,466	4,679	6,285	4,746	3,964	.....
Consumption, pig, total....do....	8,115	8,300	7,270	7,995	7,140	.....
Primary....do....	5,250	5,405	4,895	5,440	5,000	.....
Exports, incl. reexports (metal)....do....	46	433	120	99	26	.....
Stocks, pig, end of month, total....do....	18,384	18,421	20,121	19,135	18,190	.....
Industry....do....	17,845	16,930	19,105	19,135	18,190	.....
Foundry equipment (new), New orders, net mo. avg. shipments, 1947-49=100..	169.0	152.7	115.6	117.9	188.4	.....

r/ Revised. *Data are for December 1955. **Data are for January 1956. 1/ Production by detinning plants only.

ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Continued						
Machine tools (metal-cutting):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	81.30	89.50	57.20	63.25	r58.20	p60.00
Domestic.....do....	72.35	80.05	51.90	56.30	r51.10	p52.45
Shipments, total.....do....	64.60	74.15	85.15	76.55	r77.70	p89.85
Domestic.....do....	58.70	67.85	75.05	67.55	r72.05	p79.40
Estimated backlog.....months..	8.5	8.6	6.2	6.0	5.8	p5.5
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	286.4	395.7	281.0	276.7	300.9	312.7
Washers, domestic, sales billed 1/.....do....	405.6	405.7	298.4	331.3	319.6	286.2
Radio sets, production 2/.....do....	1,093.5	1,360.1	1,715.2	1,085.5	r1,264.8	1,609.1
Television sets (incl. combination), production 2/.....do....	576.3	680.0	627.0	450.2	r464.7	559.8
PAPER AND PRINTING						
Newsprint, United States:						
Consumption by publishers.....thous. of short tons..	397.8	446.1	443.6	407.6	387.2	463.3
Stocks, end of month:						
At publishers.....do....	366.1	366.3	523.5	551.1	591.7	580.2
In transit to publishers.....do....	107.2	103.9	112.2	113.1	119.6	107.8
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	50,199	49,953	45,130	52,631	r46,427	48,696
Stocks, end of month.....do....	111,832	109,974	116,469	101,758	r100,253	97,308
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do....	90,488	94,389	93,764	94,277	r83,235	93,916
Consumption.....do....	75,082	77,715	72,260	85,490	r77,260	82,661
Stocks, end of month.....do....	145,906	150,995	202,596	193,724	r184,808	182,518
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS						
Glass containers:						
Production.....thous. of gross..	r11,076	r11,790	r10,323	11,657	11,057	12,596
Shipments, domestic, total.....do....	r9,984	r12,010	r9,426	10,022	r9,710	11,109
General-use food:						
Narrow-neck food.....do....	r989	r1,020	r765	948	892	1,100
Wide-mouth food (incl. packers' tumblers jelly glasses, and fruit jars).....do....	r2,647	r2,826	r2,723	2,997	r2,843	3,049
Beverage.....do....	838	1,656	721	484	515	799
Beer bottles.....do....	660	940	667	577	508	889
Liquor and wine.....do....	r1,079	r1,340	r1,088	963	1,061	1,190
Medicinal and toilet.....do....	r2,685	r2,997	r2,459	2,902	2,791	2,899
Chemical, household and industrial.....do....	r899	r1,028	r802	967	942	1,024
Dairy products.....do....	187	203	201	184	158	159
Stocks, end of month.....do....	15,130	14,673	13,897	14,976	16,107	17,318
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Men's apparel, cuttings: 3/						
Tailored garments:						
Suits.....thous. of units..	1,860	2,285	1,688	2,068	1,820	p2,345
Overcoats and topcoats.....do....	288	410	260	248	244	p380
Trousers (separate), dress and sport.....do....	5,664	5,940	4,224	5,520	5,136	p6,900
Work clothing:						
Dungarees and waistband overalls.....thous. of doz..	380	345	168	r248	256	p320
Shirts.....do....	416	450	228	288	308	p380

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Figures beginning January 1957 exclude sales of combination washer-dryer units (included in earlier data); sales of such types totaled 102,400 units in 1956 and 60,400 units in 1st quarter 1957. 2/ Data for March and December 1956 and March 1957 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 3/ Data for March 1956 and March 1957 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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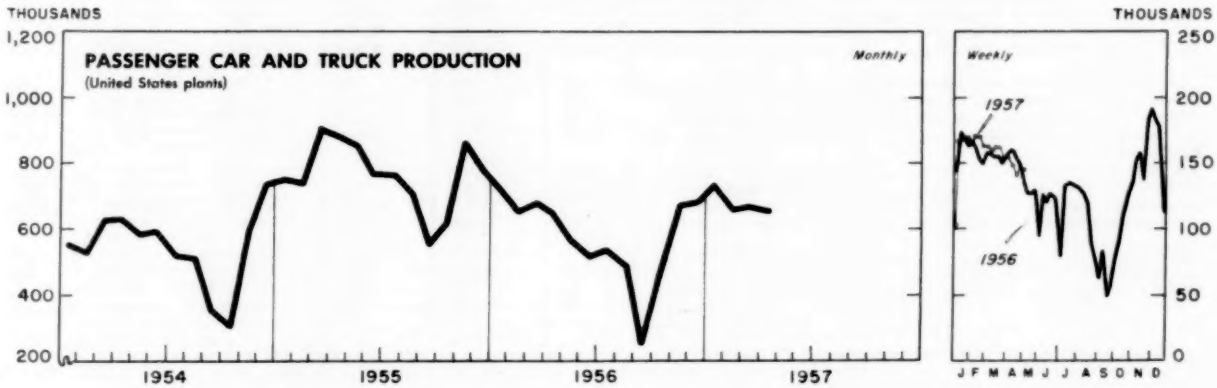

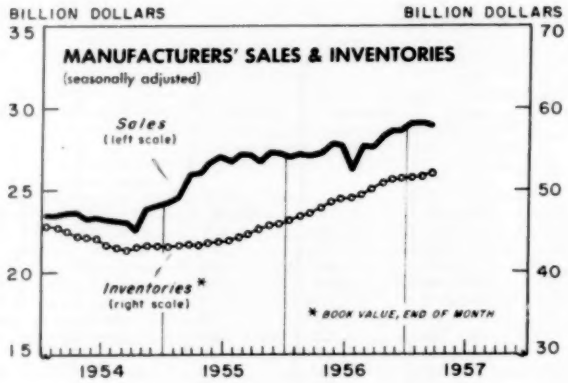

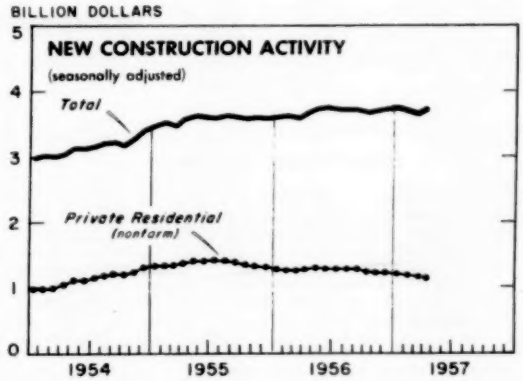

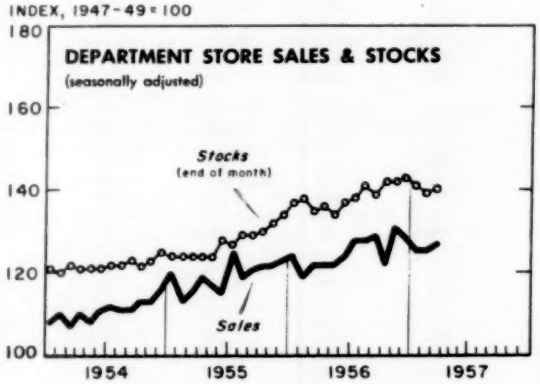

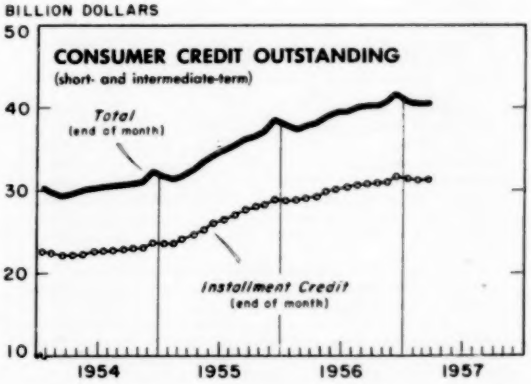

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	Apr. 28	May 5	Apr. 13	Apr. 20	Apr. 27	May 4
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*113.6	117.2	117.2	117.3	117.1
Farm products.....do....	.....	*88.0	90.2	90.7	90.7	89.4
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*100.4	104.7	104.6	104.8	104.3
All other.....do....	.....	*121.6	125.3	125.3	125.4	125.4
22 commodities 2/.....do....	92.1	92.1	89.2	89.1	88.7	88.2
Department store sales.....do....	119	125	122	128	123	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,371	1,344	1,577	1,571	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,279	1,257	1,467	1,462	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,155	30,181	30,655	30,681	30,610	30,499
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,374	25,266	25,400	25,520	25,695	25,093
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,884	18,767	19,088	19,107	19,201	19,000
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	540	408	547	548	599	406
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,908	55,896	55,588	56,588	56,695	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,590	21,591	23,172	23,097	23,102	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,340	85,448	86,930	87,268	86,716	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	27,509	27,357	26,305	26,258	25,972	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	27,842	28,053	31,376	31,524	31,349	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,424	8,430	8,690	8,699	8,690	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	236	277	308	302	263	297
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.46	3.46	3.95	3.96	3.98	3.99
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	47.09	48.17	44.98	45.08	45.72	46.02
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	50.26	51.55	47.99	48.10	48.82	49.19
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,673	1,638	1,650	1,700	1,667	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,867	10,815	11,695	11,485	11,310	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	149,143	135,373	148,955	141,693	148,258	145,674
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,146	7,084	7,442	7,551	7,537	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,473	2,373	2,310	2,313	2,269	2,226
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#100.5	#96.4	90.3	90.4	88.7	87.0
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	780	771	674	687	691	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	390	383	345	344	343	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning May 6, 1957: Production, 2,240 thous. short tons; operating rate, 87.5 percent. *Monthly index for April 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	26,536	28,505	27,832	28,924	r27,798	29,960
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,301	14,290	14,188	14,469	r13,999	15,095
Primary metal.....do....	2,393	2,607	2,353	2,540	r2,335	2,551
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,342	1,427	1,311	1,544	r1,467	1,549
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,652	3,949	4,232	4,064	r4,120	4,486
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,169	3,313	3,869	3,814	r3,666	3,805
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,101	1,190	889	970	r945	1,025
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	602	696	593	614	r599	729
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,235	14,215	13,644	14,455	r13,799	14,865
Food and beverage.....do....	3,977	4,229	4,256	4,429	r4,249	4,533
Tobacco.....do....	304	313	345	338	r312	316
Textile.....do....	1,090	1,168	1,068	1,122	r1,096	1,131
Paper.....do....	877	938	822	930	r844	901
Chemical.....do....	1,887	2,059	1,907	2,155	r1,968	2,212
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,440	2,618	2,801	2,969	r2,649	2,837
Rubber.....do....	423	460	443	483	452	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	27,224	27,095	28,691	29,183	r29,130	28,933
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,593	13,294	14,507	14,642	r14,726	14,470
Primary metal.....do....	2,457	2,444	2,348	2,444	r2,396	2,389
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,413	1,385	1,457	1,560	r1,544	1,504
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,647	3,630	4,125	4,205	r4,225	4,202
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,137	3,021	3,862	3,782	r3,847	3,714
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,147	1,102	999	1,010	r1,038	995
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	684	676	682	690	r713	744
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,631	13,801	14,184	14,541	r14,404	14,463
Food and beverage.....do....	4,180	4,284	4,355	4,569	r4,520	4,595
Tobacco.....do....	338	323	363	356	r363	340
Textile.....do....	1,124	1,123	1,148	1,100	r1,191	1,120
Paper.....do....	904	893	874	912	r870	858
Chemical.....do....	1,940	1,939	2,086	2,095	r2,023	2,080
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,515	2,567	2,593	2,883	r2,731	2,728
Rubber.....do....	445	451	461	474	476	.....

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ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	47,227	47,674	51,572	51,971	r52,291	52,600
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	27,149	27,592	29,819	30,037	r30,337	30,637
Primary metal.....do....	3,564	3,524	4,354	4,325	r4,335	4,270
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,803	2,935	2,941	2,989	r3,044	3,083
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,960	9,222	10,002	10,092	r10,219	10,299
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).do....	6,860	6,875	7,455	7,526	r7,552	7,693
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,783	1,792	1,800	1,804	r1,810	1,835
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,015	1,040	1,047	1,078	r1,117	1,137
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.3	7.4	8.4	8.2	r8.1	8.0
Goods in process.....do....	11.2	11.4	12.3	12.5	r12.6	12.9
Finished goods.....do....	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.4	9.6	9.8
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	20,078	20,082	21,753	21,934	r21,954	21,963
Food and beverage.....do....	4,434	4,323	4,899	4,885	r4,768	4,673
Tobacco.....do....	1,924	1,926	1,927	2,097	r2,103	2,082
Textile.....do....	2,477	2,506	2,625	2,645	r2,655	2,666
Paper.....do....	1,115	1,139	1,258	1,258	r1,302	1,363
Chemical.....do....	3,377	3,406	3,783	3,792	r3,850	3,882
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,737	2,729	3,154	3,022	r3,022	3,034
Rubber.....do....	999	1,018	1,008	1,015	1,015	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.4	8.4	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	r3.1	3.2
Finished goods.....do....	8.7	8.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	46,897	47,433	51,373	51,498	r51,903	52,239
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	27,009	27,432	29,935	29,884	r30,190	30,378
Primary metal.....do....	3,570	3,677	4,226	4,259	r4,342	4,403
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,803	2,877	3,064	3,019	r3,044	3,023
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,939	9,094	10,100	10,070	r10,193	10,155
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).do....	6,816	6,800	7,427	7,430	r7,511	7,584
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,783	1,792	1,782	1,804	r1,810	1,835
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	976	1,010	1,047	1,057	r1,074	1,104
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.3	7.5	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.1
Goods in process.....do....	11.1	11.2	12.5	12.4	r12.5	12.7
Finished goods.....do....	8.6	8.7	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.6
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	19,888	20,001	21,438	21,614	r21,713	21,861
Food and beverage.....do....	4,361	4,391	4,676	4,712	r4,706	4,779
Tobacco.....do....	1,832	1,870	1,853	1,942	r1,965	2,002
Textile.....do....	2,477	2,457	2,679	2,672	r2,655	2,614
Paper.....do....	1,083	1,117	1,246	1,258	r1,264	1,311
Chemical.....do....	3,339	3,361	3,689	3,721	r3,796	3,829
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,793	2,785	3,123	3,113	r3,084	3,096
Rubber.....do....	970	979	998	995	985	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.2	8.2	8.6	8.7	r8.6	8.7
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	8.7	8.9	9.7	9.9	10.0	10.1
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,076	28,593	28,248	28,652	r27,438	29,484
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,931	14,557	14,534	14,362	r13,713	14,812
Primary metal.....do....	2,682	2,613	2,447	2,293	r2,446	2,640
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,444	1,538	1,413	1,515	r1,509	1,524
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,908	4,162	4,184	4,177	r4,147	4,351
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,011	3,173	4,336	3,669	r3,139	3,591
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,145	14,036	13,714	14,290	r13,725	14,672
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	27,627	26,912	28,844	28,935	r28,228	27,818
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,107	13,337	14,544	14,393	r13,979	13,602
Primary metal.....do....	2,737	2,333	2,423	2,316	r2,375	2,357
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,520	1,373	1,570	1,595	r1,540	1,398
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,953	3,877	4,054	4,209	r4,212	4,053
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,011	2,884	4,130	3,669	r3,304	3,265
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,520	13,575	14,300	14,542	r14,249	14,216
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	57,136	57,224	62,406	62,134	r61,774	61,298
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	53,944	54,211	59,442	59,335	r59,049	58,766
Primary metal.....do....	7,381	7,387	7,733	7,486	r7,597	7,686
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,176	4,287	4,480	4,451	r4,493	4,468
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	16,823	17,036	19,170	19,283	r19,310	19,175
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	21,088	20,948	24,046	23,901	r23,374	23,160
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,192	3,013	2,964	2,799	r2,725	2,532
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	37,474	37,761	41,863	40,916	40,513	40,503
Installment credit, total.....do....	28,915	29,112	31,552	31,298	31,233	31,273
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	2,918	3,305	3,735	3,079	2,954	3,319
Repaid, total.....do....	2,889	3,108	3,207	3,333	3,019	3,279
Adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	3,317	3,167	3,368	3,512	3,496	3,299
Repaid, total.....do....	2,946	2,894	3,185	3,311	3,214	3,160

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	228	235	238	234	237	241
Crops.....do....	236	245	239	233	236	239
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	258	260	249	225	236	261
Cotton.....do....	267	275	256	255	252	258
Feed grains and hay.....do....	174	185	187	181	181	180
Food grains.....do....	223	229	236	235	235	233
Fruit.....do....	211	218	227	221	237	237
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	245	253	266	260	265	264
Potatoes 1/.....do....	196	234	162	153	148	145
Tobacco.....do....	453	453	457	458	459	459
Livestock and products.....do....	221	227	237	234	238	242
Dairy products.....do....	250	246	269	266	260	253
Meat animals.....do....	221	237	254	249	263	275
Poultry and eggs.....do....	187	180	155	157	150	150
Wool.....do....	224	226	262	267	274	286
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	261	r262	269	271	272	273
Family living items.....do....	274	274	283	284	284	285
Production items.....do....	246	248	255	256	r258	260
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates..do....	281	284	292	294	295	296
Parity ratio.....do....	81	83	82	80	80	81
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,071	3,421	r3,053	r2,888	r3,136	3,459
Private, total.....do....	2,260	2,424	r2,190	r2,088	r2,228	2,365
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,116	1,232	1,017	926	r1,018	1,088
New dwelling units.....do....	1,000	1,090	900	810	890	940
Additions and alterations.....do....	86	109	79	80	r94	114
Nonresidential building, total 2/.....do....	655	665	721	705	709	713
Industrial.....do....	226	239	269	270	269	271
Commercial.....do....	257	252	246	r240	249	253
Farm construction.....do....	109	121	91	96	105	119
Public utility.....do....	373	398	350	r349	r383	430
Public, total.....do....	811	997	863	800	r908	1,094
Nonresidential building.....do....	301	314	331	304	345	375
Military facilities.....do....	89	104	93	86	r90	100
Highway.....do....	225	355	220	205	240	360
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,570	3,683	r3,742	r3,712	r3,654	3,726
Private, total.....do....	2,528	2,582	r2,502	r2,501	r2,487	2,519
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,268	1,297	1,211	1,187	r1,157	1,145
Nonresidential building, total 2/.....do....	705	731	730	741	761	781
Farm construction.....do....	128	127	121	123	124	125
Public utility.....do....	419	419	r427	r436	r430	453
Public, total.....do....	1,042	1,101	1,240	1,211	r1,167	1,207
Nonresidential building.....do....	320	314	376	362	367	375
Highway.....do....	395	436	489	466	429	450
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	128.7	129.4	133.0	r133.2	133.6	.....

r/ Revised. 1/ Includes sweetpotatoes and dry edible beans. 2/ Except farm and public utility.

NOTE: Figures for floor area covered by construction contracts (as published on p. S-7 of the April 1957 SURVEY) were inadvertently shown in millions instead of thousands of square feet.

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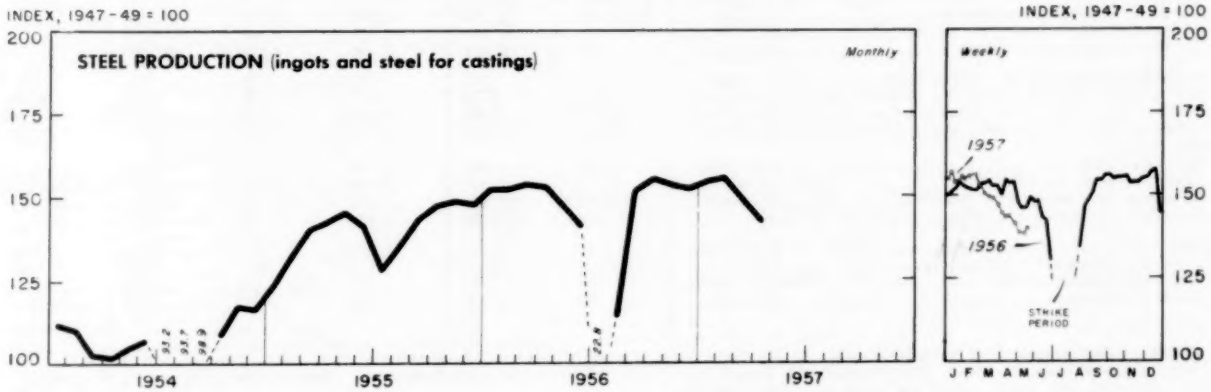

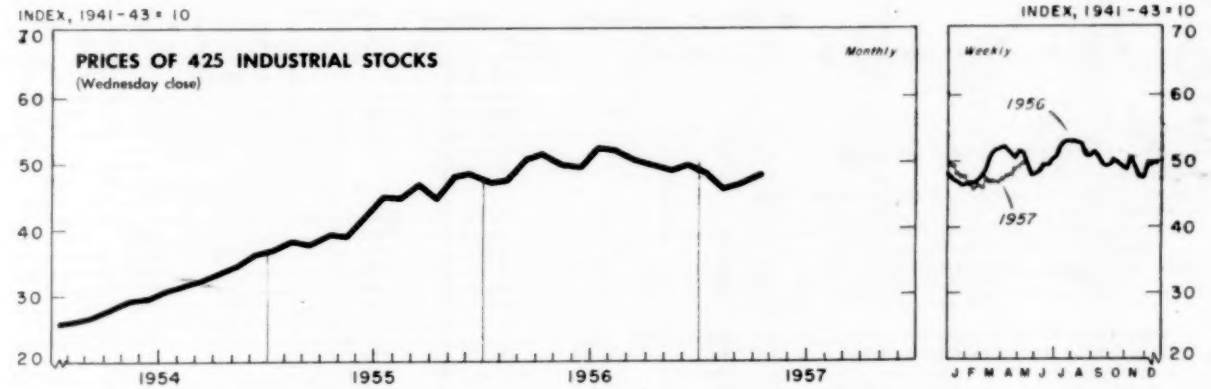

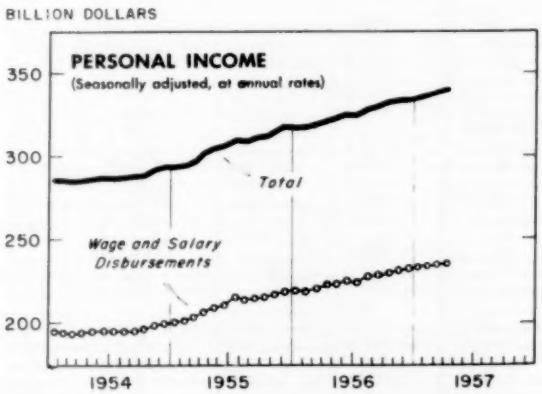

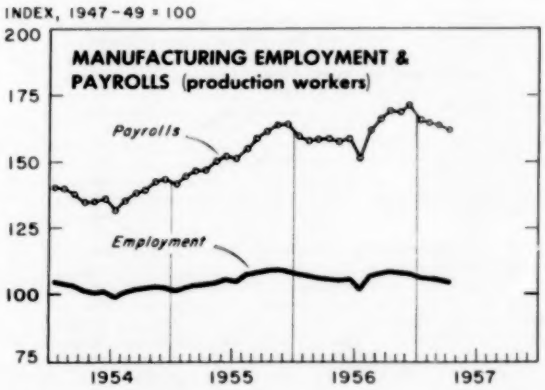

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	May 5	May 12	Apr. 20	Apr. 27	May 4	May 11
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*113.6	117.2	117.3	117.1	117.2
Farm products.....do....	.....	*88.0	90.7	90.7	89.4	90.3
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*100.4	104.6	104.8	104.3	104.7
All other.....do....	.....	*121.6	125.3	125.4	125.4	125.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	92.1	90.8	89.1	88.7	88.2	88.2
Department store sales.....do....	125	129	128	123	134	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,344	1,324	1,567	1,543	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,257	1,242	1,462	1,440	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,181	30,296	30,681	30,610	30,499	30,589
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,266	25,325	25,520	25,695	25,093	25,177
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,767	18,848	19,107	19,201	19,000	18,984
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	408	553	548	599	406	497
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,896	55,559	56,588	56,695	56,213	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,591	21,599	23,097	23,102	23,148	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,448	84,887	87,268	86,716	87,129	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	27,357	26,939	26,258	25,972	26,034	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	28,053	28,031	31,524	31,349	31,463	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,430	8,457	8,699	8,690	8,679	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	277	258	302	263	297	267
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.46	3.46	3.96	3.98	3.99	4.01
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	48.17	47.94	45.08	45.72	46.02	46.31
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	51.55	51.24	48.10	48.82	49.19	49.51
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,638	1,642	1,700	1,667	1,603	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,815	10,837	11,485	11,310	11,286	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	135,373	127,673	141,693	148,258	143,848	149,647
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,084	7,029	7,551	7,537	7,529	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,373	2,343	2,313	2,269	2,226	2,220
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#96.4	#95.2	90.4	88.7	87.0	86.7
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	771	778	687	691	719	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	383	375	344	343	351	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning May 13, 1957: Production, 2,251 thous. short tons; operating rate, 87.9 percent. *Monthly index for April 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
National income and product:						
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates:						
National income, total.....bil. of dol..	334.9	.....	*353.0	.....	.....	.....
Compensation of employees, total.....do....	233.0	.....	*245.5	.....	248.7	.....
Wages and salaries, total.....do....	219.4	.....	*231.1	.....	233.6	.....
Private.....do....	182.5	.....	*192.9	.....	194.7	.....
Military.....do....	9.6	.....	*9.5	.....	9.4	.....
Government civilian.....do....	27.3	.....	*28.7	.....	29.4	.....
Supplements to wages and salaries.....do....	13.6	.....	*14.4	.....	15.1	.....
Proprietors' and rental income, total.....do....	49.5	.....	*51.7	.....	51.5	.....
Business and professional.....do....	28.2	.....	*29.9	.....	30.1	.....
Farm.....do....	11.5	.....	*12.1	.....	11.7	.....
Rental income of persons.....do....	9.8	.....	*9.7	.....	9.7	.....
Corp. profits and inventory valuation adj.,total..do....	40.9	.....	*43.4	.....	.....	.....
Corporate profits before tax, total.....do....	43.7	.....	*46.7	.....	.....	.....
Corporate profits tax liability.....do....	22.1	.....	*23.6	.....	.....	.....
Corporate profits after tax.....do....	21.6	.....	*23.1	.....	.....	.....
Inventory valuation adjustment.....do....	-2.8	.....	*-3.3	.....	-2.6	.....
Net interest.....do....	11.5	.....	*12.4	.....	12.6	.....
Gross national product, total.....do....	403.4	.....	*423.8	.....	427.1	.....
Personal consumption expenditures, total.....do....	261.7	.....	*270.9	.....	275.0	.....
Durable goods.....do....	34.8	.....	*34.8	.....	35.9	.....
Nondurable goods.....do....	130.5	.....	*134.7	.....	136.4	.....
Services.....do....	96.4	.....	*101.4	.....	102.7	.....
Gross private domestic investment, total.....do....	63.1	.....	*68.5	.....	63.3	.....
New construction.....do....	32.6	.....	*32.9	.....	32.5	.....
Producers' durable equipment.....do....	26.4	.....	*31.5	.....	32.0	.....
Change in business inventories.....do....	4.1	.....	*4.1	.....	-1.2	.....
Net foreign investment.....do....	.1	.....	*2.4	.....	4.0	.....
Gov't purchases of goods and services, total.....do....	78.5	.....	*82.0	.....	84.9	.....
Federal (less Government sales).....do....	46.4	.....	*48.3	.....	49.8	.....
National security.....do....	40.5	.....	*43.2	.....	45.0	.....
State and local.....do....	32.1	.....	*33.7	.....	35.0	.....

*Data are for 4th quarter 1956.

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
National income and product - Continued						
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates - Con.						
Personal income, total.....bil. of dol..	317.5	.....	*333.2	.....	336.5	.....
Less: Personal tax and nontax payments.....do....	37.3	.....	*39.9	.....	41.0	.....
Equals: Disposable personal income.....do....	280.2	.....	*293.3	.....	295.4	.....
Personal saving.....do....	18.6	.....	*22.4	.....	20.4	.....
Personal income, by source, seasonally adj., at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	318.6	321.7	335.0	336.6	r338.1	339.3
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	220.3	222.9	232.7	233.7	r234.5	235.0
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	95.1	96.8	101.2	101.9	r102.0	102.3
Distributive industries.....do....	58.4	59.1	61.5	61.5	r62.0	61.9
Service industries.....do....	29.6	29.8	31.3	31.4	31.5	31.7
Government.....do....	37.2	37.2	38.7	38.9	39.0	39.1
Other labor income.....do....	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	49.5	49.7	51.3	51.5	r51.6	51.5
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	28.8	29.1	30.6	30.7	30.9	31.1
Transfer payments.....do....	18.5	18.6	19.6	19.9	r20.3	20.9
Less personal contributions for social insurance....do....	5.7	5.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	304.0	306.8	319.7	321.3	r322.7	324.0
COMMODITY PRICES						
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S. Dept. of Commerce index).1935-39=100..	208.2	208.8	214.1	r214.9	214.7	.....
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, privately and publicly owned.....thousands..	98.6	111.4	r63.0	65.0	83.0	92.0
Privately owned, total.....do....	93.9	109.9	r60.1	62.5	75.5	89.5
In metropolitan areas.....do....	69.6	75.3	r42.5	45.0	54.2	62.3
Publicly owned.....do....	4.7	1.5	r2.9	2.5	7.5	2.5
Seasonally adjusted at annual rate:						
Privately owned, total.....do....	1,094.0	1,157.0	r975.0	910.0	880.0	940.0
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores: 1/						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	15,864	15,029	14,889	14,193	r15,938	2/16,260
Durable-goods stores:						
Automotive group.....do....	3,195	3,058	2,996	2,948	r3,317	3,347
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	808	787	776	754	r806	817
Nondurable-goods stores:						
Apparel group.....do....	1,003	833	785	694	r832	1,117
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	479	446	488	467	r500	492
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,114	1,134	1,096	1,055	r1,140	1,123
Food group.....do....	3,939	3,532	3,838	3,615	r4,064	2/3,670
Gasoline service stations.....do....	1,078	1,090	1,137	1,067	r1,181	1,192
General-merchandise group.....do....	1,649	1,514	1,328	1,276	r1,493	1,703
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	15,740	15,541	16,439	r16,500	r16,443	2/16,254
Durable-goods stores.....do....	5,466	5,303	5,706	r5,747	r5,685	5,606
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	10,274	10,238	10,733	10,753	r10,759	2/10,648
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....do....	24,540	24,880	22,890	r23,650	24,370	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	11,680	11,830	10,380	r10,800	11,040	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,860	13,050	12,510	r12,840	13,320	.....
Adjusted, total.....do....	23,820	23,880	24,010	r23,910	23,700	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	11,220	11,100	10,770	r10,850	10,680	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,600	12,780	13,240	r13,060	13,020	.....
Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:						
Unadjusted.....do....	3,058	2,722	2,691	2,588	3,012	.....
Adjusted.....do....	2,954	2,914	3,108	3,119	3,118	.....
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	10,240	9,900	10,300	9,570	10,360	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	3,540	3,530	3,320	3,180	3,510	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,700	6,370	6,980	6,390	6,850	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	12,620	12,620	13,180	13,100	13,130	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	6,680	6,780	6,650	6,780	6,970	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	5,940	5,840	6,530	6,320	6,160	.....
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census):						
Civilian labor force.....thousands..	65,913	66,555	3/65,821	3/66,311	3/66,746	3/66,951
Employed.....do....	63,078	63,991	3/62,578	3/63,190	3/63,865	3/64,261
Agricultural employment.....do....	5,678	6,387	3/4,935	3/5,195	3/5,434	3/5,755
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	57,400	57,603	3/57,643	3/57,996	3/58,431	3/58,506
Unemployed.....do....	2,834	2,564	3/3,244	3/3,121	3/2,882	3/2,690
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Department of Labor).....do....	50,499	50,848	51,238	r51,205	r51,369	p51,628
Manufacturing.....do....	16,764	16,769	16,937	r16,928	r16,897	p16,767
Mining.....do....	783	790	804	r804	803	p805
Contract construction.....do....	2,669	2,853	2,719	r2,725	r2,806	p2,929

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	March	April	January	February	March	April
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Continued						
Employees in nonagr. establishments, unadjusted - Con.						
Transportation and public utilities.....thousands..	4,106	4,121	4,112	r4,104	r4,128	p4,143
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	10,931	10,928	11,139	r11,065	r11,089	p11,197
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,265	2,278	2,294	r2,304	r2,310	p2,323
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	5,859	5,979	5,918	r5,928	r5,964	p6,073
Government.....do....	7,122	7,130	7,315	r7,347	r7,372	p7,391
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Total.....do....	13,125	13,114	13,117	r13,079	r13,042	p12,918
Durable-goods industries.....do....	7,621	7,674	7,703	r7,679	r7,640	p7,572
Ordnance and accessories.....do....	84	84	81	79	79	p79
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	619	642	573	r567	r559	p569
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	318	315	310	310	r311	p308
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	472	478	461	r457	r461	p464
Primary metal industries.....do....	1,130	1,136	1,130	r1,121	r1,111	p1,098
Fabricated metal products 1/.....do....	893	895	906	r905	r900	p894
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	1,281	1,292	1,299	r1,306	1,307	p1,291
Electrical machinery.....do....	842	874	892	r884	876	p862
Transportation equipment.....do....	1,354	1,332	1,440	r1,438	r1,423	p1,393
Instruments and related products.....do....	231	231	234	233	r233	p232
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	5,504	5,440	5,414	r5,400	r5,402	p5,346
Food and kindred products.....do....	1,021	1,023	1,027	r1,004	1,005	p1,019
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	82	79	92	r87	79	p74
Textile-mill products.....do....	981	971	929	r927	r922	p912
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1,116	1,068	1,071	1,090	r1,093	p1,066
Paper and allied products.....do....	457	460	465	r463	r464	p463
Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do....	545	547	557	r556	560	p561
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	566	569	553	r553	557	p556
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	172	171	170	172	172	p172
Rubber products.....do....	221	219	222	219	r218	p202
Leather and leather products.....do....	344	332	327	r330	331	p323
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	106.1	106.0	106.0	r105.7	r105.4	p104.4
Adjusted.....do....	106.4	107.1	106.8	r106.1	105.7	p105.6
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	157.9	158.2	165.1	r164.6	r163.7	p161.4
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing...hours..	40.4	40.3	40.2	40.2	r40.1	p39.9
Durable-goods industries.....do....	40.9	41.1	40.9	40.9	40.7	p40.6
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	39.6	39.2	39.2	39.3	39.2	p38.9
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	78.78	78.99	82.41	82.41	r82.21	p81.80
Durable-goods industries.....do....	84.25	85.49	89.16	88.75	88.73	p88.51
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	70.49	70.17	72.91	73.10	73.30	p72.74
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	1.95	1.96	2.05	2.05	2.05	p2.05
Durable-goods industries.....do....	2.06	2.08	2.18	2.17	2.18	p2.18
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	1.78	1.79	1.86	1.86	1.87	p1.87
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number..	689,982	654,333	719,431	662,028	677,778	.....
Coaches, total.....do....	434	371	269	238	341	.....
Domestic.....do....	405	360	257	234	307	.....
Passenger cars, total.....do....	583,169	552,881	628,045	570,023	585,734	.....
Domestic.....do....	554,761	529,945	610,678	556,930	569,242	.....
Trucks, total.....do....	106,379	101,081	91,117	91,767	91,703	.....
Domestic.....do....	86,996	82,400	73,208	73,693	73,523	.....

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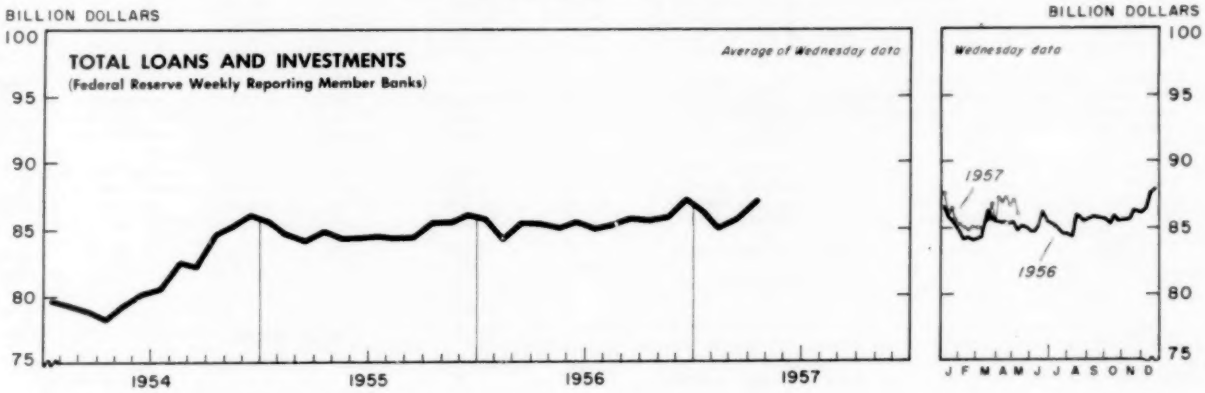

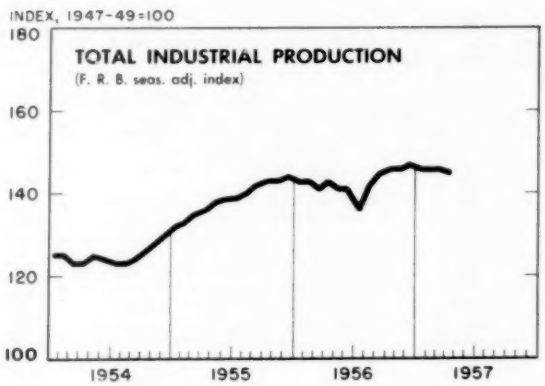

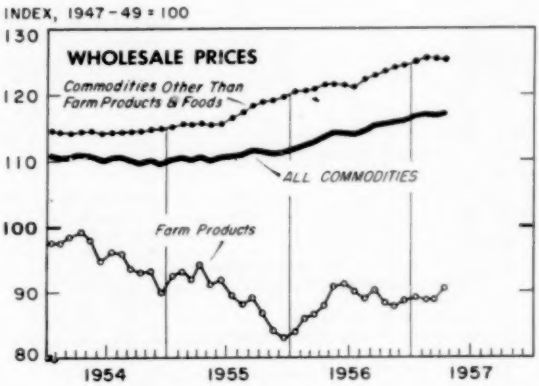

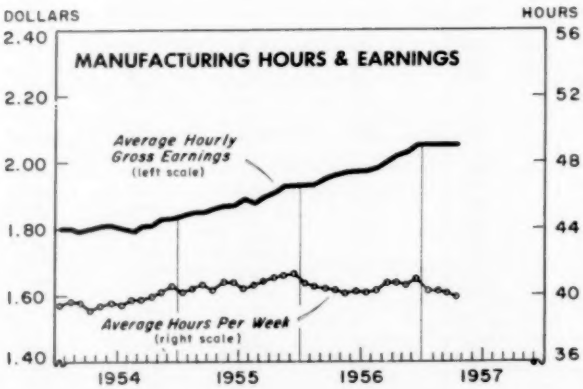

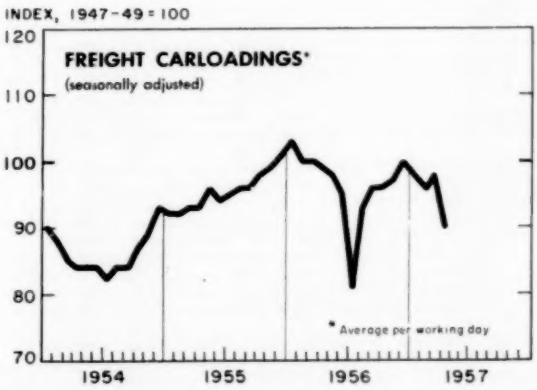

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Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,559	54,999	56,695	56,213	55,273	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,599	21,638	23,102	23,148	23,213	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,887	85,241	86,716	87,129	86,087	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,939	27,082	25,972	26,034	25,552	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	28,031	28,203	31,349	31,450	31,338	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,457	8,471	8,690	8,679	8,665	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	258	279	263	297	267	264
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.46	3.45	3.98	3.99	4.01	4.02
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	47.94	46.05	45.72	46.02	46.31	46.83
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	51.24	49.05	48.82	49.19	49.51	50.17
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,642	1,608	1,667	1,595	1,609	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,837	10,875	11,310	11,286	11,311	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	127,673	126,665	148,258	143,848	149,122	151,006
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,029	7,071	7,537	7,529	7,434	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,343	2,345	2,269	2,226	2,220	2,155
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#95.2	#95.3	88.7	87.0	86.7	84.2
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	778	779	691	719	723	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	375	383	343	351	352	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning May 20, 1957: Production, 2,220 thous. short tons; operating rate, 86.7 percent. *Monthly index for May 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	143	144	145	147	148	p146
Manufactures.....do....	145	146	146	149	150	p147
Durable manufactures.....do....	161	162	164	167	r166	p163
Primary metals.....do....	152	152	146	149	r144	p139
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	171	174	181	r184	183	p179
Fabricated metal products.....do....	134	136	136	r139	r139	p139
Machinery.....do....	168	172	175	r176	r176	p170
Transportation equipment.....do....	202	201	224	r231	227	p223
Instruments and related products.....do....	161	164	173	174	r174	p174
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	122	119	118	119	r120	p116
Lumber and products.....do....	119	126	104	r112	r111	p116
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	153	158	148	151	r154	p155
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	142	141	136	137	r139	p139
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	130	129	128	131	133	p132
Printing and publishing.....do....	135	137	136	139	r144	p145
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	142	135	148	r145	r141	p140
Minerals.....do....	127	130	r129	r131	r131	p130
Coal.....do....	86	86	84	86	88	p84
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	151	151	157	r157	r156	p153
Adjusted, combined index.....do....	141	143	146	146	146	p145
Manufactures.....do....	143	144	147	147	147	p146
Durable manufactures.....do....	157	159	164	164	r162	p161
Primary metals.....do....	145	146	144	143	r137	p134
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	167	170	180	180	179	p177
Fabricated metal products.....do....	132	136	137	r139	137	p139
Machinery.....do....	163	169	173	171	171	p167
Transportation equipment.....do....	196	193	221	r224	222	p219
Instruments and related products.....do....	160	162	173	174	r173	p173
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	121	123	118	r118	r119	p120
Lumber and products.....do....	118	122	114	r113	r110	p112
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	154	158	155	r155	r155	p155
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	141	144	140	136	r137	p141

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production, adjusted index (FRB) - Continued						
Manufactures - Continued						
Nondurable manufactures.....1947-49=100..	128	130	131	131	131	p132
Printing and publishing.....do....	132	135	141	141	r141	p142
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	144	139	147	r143	r142	p144
Minerals.....do....	129	129	130	r132	r133	p129
Coal.....do....	90	89	80	86	92	p88
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	148	147	r153	r153	r152	p148
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do....	143	141	137	r143	142	p134
Major consumer durables.....do....	157	154	148	r156	155	p144
Autos.....do....	163	162	174	178	171	p155
Major household goods.....do....	155	150	128	r140	143	.....
Other consumer durables.....do....	108	109	110	112	111	p111
Adjusted index, total.....do....	133	132	137	r138	134	p128
Major consumer durables.....do....	144	141	147	r149	r144	p135
Autos.....do....	145	140	169	167	159	p141
Major household goods.....do....	144	145	r130	r134	132	.....
Other consumer durables.....do....	108	111	114	114	r111	p112
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....number..	1,170	985	1,148	1,146	1,336	1,175
Commercial service.....do....	102	91	71	93	99	118
Construction.....do....	150	153	177	180	205	172
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	224	186	197	199	239	190
Retail trade.....do....	572	463	612	568	672	580
Wholesale trade.....do....	122	92	91	106	121	115
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	42,622	41,871	54,060	65,406	55,833	57,103
Commercial service.....do....	2,015	2,900	4,086	2,493	3,833	3,878
Construction.....do....	7,089	6,967	10,672	8,440	10,424	9,090
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	15,649	17,142	16,105	33,402	17,760	16,286
Retail trade.....do....	12,430	10,772	17,862	14,780	17,816	15,994
Wholesale trade.....do....	5,439	4,090	5,335	6,291	6,000	11,855
COMMODITY PRICES						
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	112.8	113.6	116.9	117.0	116.9	117.2
Economic sector:						
Crude materials for further processing.....do....	93.4	95.4	97.4	96.7	r96.7	97.1
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components....do....	121.0	121.7	124.8	125.1	124.9	124.9
Finished goods 1/.....do....	112.3	112.7	116.7	117.0	r116.9	117.4
Farm products.....do....	86.6	88.0	89.3	88.8	88.8	90.6
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do....	106.5	101.8	100.7	96.1	94.1	103.0
Grains.....do....	84.5	89.5	89.5	87.0	87.5	87.3
Livestock and live poultry.....do....	67.5	70.8	73.9	75.0	76.6	79.3
Foods, processed.....do....	99.2	100.4	104.3	103.9	103.7	104.3
Cereal and bakery products.....do....	115.4	115.6	115.8	115.9	116.7	116.8
Dairy products and ice cream.....do....	106.1	105.9	112.5	112.5	111.3	111.4
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do....	108.6	109.0	105.6	105.9	105.9	104.9
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	74.6	79.3	84.8	83.9	84.6	88.2
Commodities other than farm products and foods.....do....	121.0	121.6	125.2	125.5	125.4	125.3
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	106.5	106.9	108.7	108.8	108.8	109.1
Chemicals, industrial.....do....	120.0	120.9	123.5	123.2	122.9	123.6
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do....	110.9	110.6	116.3	119.6	r119.2	118.9
Petroleum and products.....do....	116.8	117.5	124.9	131.0	130.7	130.4
Furniture, other household durables.....do....	118.1	118.0	121.9	121.9	r121.9	121.8
Appliances, household.....do....	105.3	105.2	106.5	106.8	r106.8	106.5
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	97.7	100.6	98.4	98.0	r98.4	98.8
Lumber and wood products.....do....	128.0	128.5	121.3	120.7	120.1	120.2
Lumber.....do....	129.9	130.6	122.6	121.9	r121.2	121.2
Machinery and motive products.....do....	134.7	135.7	143.9	144.5	r144.8	145.0
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	133.6	135.6	146.0	147.1	r147.5	147.8
Motor vehicles.....do....	129.0	129.1	134.3	134.6	134.6	134.7
Metals and metal products.....do....	146.5	147.7	152.2	151.4	151.0	150.1
Iron and steel.....do....	149.4	151.0	164.3	163.9	163.8	161.9
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do....	127.9	128.6	132.0	132.7	133.2	134.5
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	126.8	127.4	128.6	128.5	128.7	128.5
Paper.....do....	136.2	136.2	139.2	139.2	140.1	140.7
Rubber and products.....do....	146.2	145.0	145.0	143.9	144.3	144.5
Textile products and apparel.....do....	95.9	95.1	95.8	95.7	95.4	95.4
Apparel.....do....	99.7	99.5	99.7	99.6	99.6	99.6
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	121.7	121.7	124.0	124.1	124.1	124.4
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Engineering construction:						
Contract awards (ENR) 2/.....mil. of dol..	2,379	1,869	1,664	1,436	1,468	1,460
Construction cost indexes:						
American Appraisal Co., The, average, 30 cities...1913=100..	625	628	649	653	654	655
Atlanta.....do....	676	676	702	705	710	712
New York.....do....	652	654	701	703	704	704
San Francisco.....do....	588	589	594	610	610	610
St. Louis.....do....	632	633	640	643	644	644
Associated General Contractors (all types).....do....	452	452	472	472	472	473
Engineering News-Record: Building 3/.....1947-49=100..	143.6	144.1	148.6	148.3	148.3	148.8
Construction 3/.....do....	150.8	152.0	156.7	156.4	156.6	158.0

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ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Iron ore (Lake Superior district): 1/						
Consumption by furnaces.....thous. of long tons..	.....	2/23,370	7,840	7,892	7,099	7,602
Stocks, end of month, total.....do....	.....	23,020	45,508	37,484	30,110	21,941
At furnaces.....do....	.....	20,365	41,231	33,580	26,817	19,672
On Lake Erie docks.....do....	.....	2,655	4,277	3,905	3,293	2,270
Steel products, net shipments:						
Total (all grades).....thous. of short tons..	7,468	8,256	7,064	7,809	7,067	7,822
Semifinished products.....do....	416	447	399	380	360	437
Structural shapes (heavy), steel piling.....do....	479	525	564	573	583	568
Plates.....do....	641	707	607	777	763	881
Rails and accessories.....do....	202	238	214	224	208	232
Bars and tool steel, total.....do....	1,165	1,284	1,166	1,180	1,085	1,145
Bars:						
Hot rolled (incl. light shapes).....do....	809	877	788	802	713	768
Reinforcing.....do....	174	217	240	224	235	240
Cold finished.....do....	171	178	129	144	127	128
Pipe and tubing.....do....	872	952	915	1,039	905	1,034
Wire and wire products.....do....	364	395	263	314	287	312
Tin mill products (incl. black plate).....do....	553	798	406	649	529	809
Sheets and strip (incl. electrical), total.....do....	2,777	2,910	2,532	2,674	2,347	2,302
Sheets: Hot rolled.....do....	800	853	826	847	731	753
Cold rolled (incl. enameling).....do....	1,271	1,327	1,130	1,232	1,083	1,026
Radiators and convectors, cast iron:						
Shipments.....thous. of sq. ft..	2,236	1,802	1,756	1,712	2,236	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	5,013	5,814	3,878	4,139	5,013	.....
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....number..	44,697	47,890	38,729	r45,933	42,772	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	63,952	73,835	50,329	54,460	52,345	.....
Industrial trucks (electric), shipments:						
Hand (motorized).....number..	603	671	521	602	559	583
Rider type.....do....	491	503	442	480	385	411
Industrial trucks and tractors (gasoline-powered), shipments.....number..	1,765	2,170	1,977	1,837	1,610	1,909
PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING						
Wood pulp:						
Production, total, all grades.....thous. of short tons..	1,813.6	1,913.0	1,672.6	1,904.6	r1,709.8	1,893.3
Dissolving and special alpha.....do....	88.4	93.5	72.7	82.6	83.6	92.0
Sulfate.....do....	989.2	1,031.1	920.0	1,061.0	r915.6	1,037.3
Sulfite.....do....	222.7	225.1	200.8	226.9	207.5	220.9
Groundwood.....do....	240.8	261.5	231.5	262.6	244.0	267.0
Defibrated or exploded.....do....	97.3	108.8	78.0	90.1	r91.2	96.7
Soda, semichem., screenings, damaged, etc.....do....	175.3	193.1	169.4	181.5	r167.4	179.3
Stocks, end of month, total, all mills.....do....	785.9	777.0	912.0	884.0	r871.5	870.1
Pulp mills.....do....	165.2	169.2	189.5	208.8	208.6	206.9
Paper and board mills.....do....	520.5	502.4	617.1	575.3	r564.3	561.4
Nonpaper mills.....do....	100.2	105.4	105.4	100.0	100.6	101.8
All paper and board mills, production:						
Paper and board, total.....do....	r2,599	r2,763	2,358	2,672	r2,432	2,623
Paper.....do....	r1,131	r1,205	1,091	1,217	1,104	1,183
Paperboard.....do....	r1,200	r1,254	1,071	1,211	r1,090	1,193
Wet-machine board.....do....	12	13	12	13	12	13
Construction paper and board.....do....	256	290	184	231	r226	235

r/ Revised. 1/ Shipments of iron ore from upper lake ports in April 1957 totaled 3,987,000 long tons (in April 1956, 5,674,000 long tons).
2/ Total for January-March.
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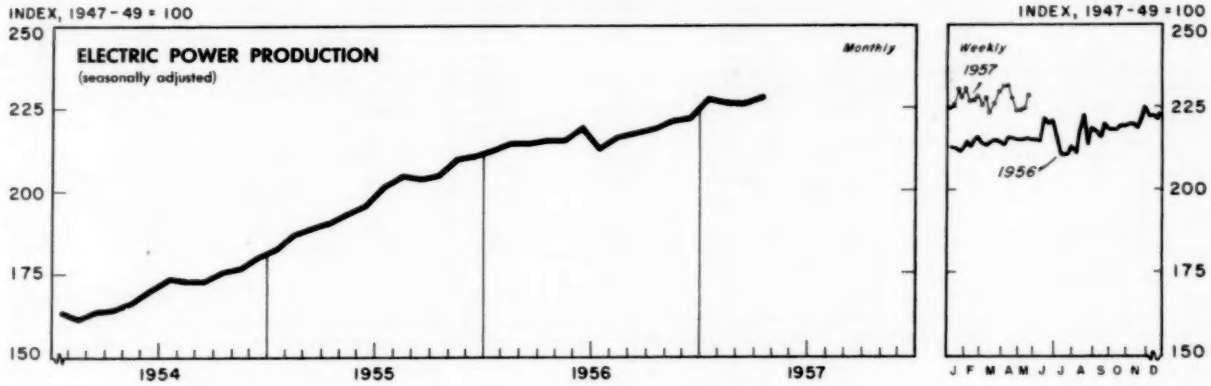

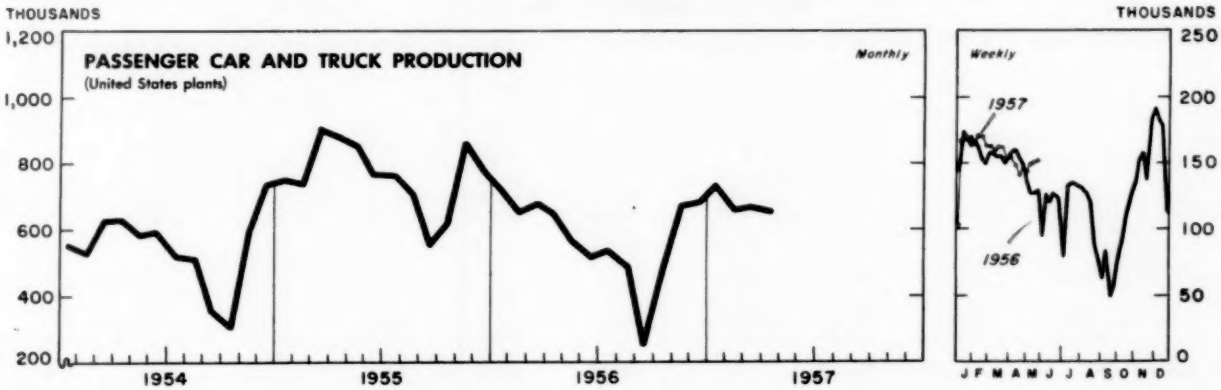

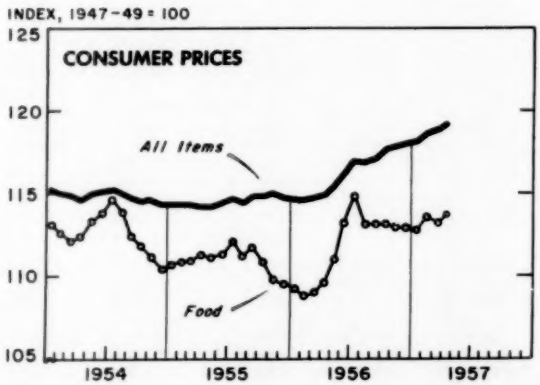

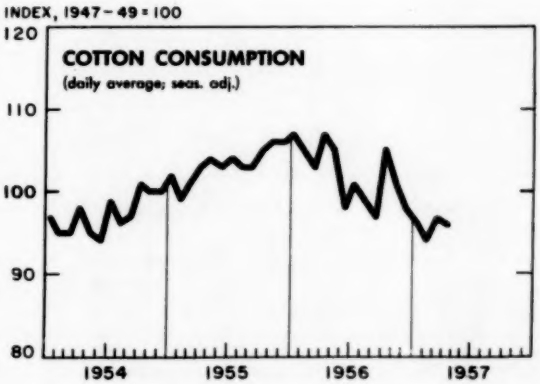

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	May 19	May 26	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.4	.....	117.2	117.2	117.1
Farm products.....do....	.....	*90.9	.....	90.2	89.7	89.6
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.4	.....	104.4	105.0	105.3
All other.....do....	.....	*121.7	.....	125.4	125.3	125.2
22 commodities 2/.....do....	90.8	90.4	88.2	88.2	87.6	88.3
Department store sales.....do....	122	117	132	133	120	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,334	1,263	1,513	1,455	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,257	1,188	1,410	1,356	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,359	30,317	30,499	30,589	30,654	30,645
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,298	25,310	25,093	25,177	25,031	25,070
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,710	18,809	19,000	18,984	18,845	18,818
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	469	534	406	497	450	492
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	54,999	55,444	56,213	55,273	55,057	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,638	21,687	23,148	23,213	23,276	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,241	85,115	87,129	86,087	85,905	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	27,082	26,877	26,034	25,552	25,221	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	28,203	28,093	31,450	31,338	31,569	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,471	8,494	8,679	8,665	8,699	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	279	273	297	267	264	309
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.45	3.46	3.99	4.01	4.02	4.03
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1941-43=10..	46.05	45.02	46.02	46.31	46.83	47.14
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	49.05	47.84	49.19	49.51	50.17	50.53
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,608	1,657	1,595	1,614	1,607	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,875	10,927	11,286	11,311	11,519	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	126,665	129,804	143,848	149,122	150,528	150,945
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,071	7,071	7,529	7,434	7,511	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,345	2,396	2,226	2,220	2,155	2,212
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#95.3	#97.3	87.0	86.7	84.2	86.4
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	779	788	719	723	723	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	383	385	351	352	350	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning May 27, 1957: Production, 2,246 thous. short tons; operating rate, 87.8 percent. *Monthly index for May 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index:						
All items.....1947-49=100..	114.7	114.9	118.2	118.7	118.9	1/119.3
Apparel.....do....	104.8	104.8	106.4	106.1	106.8	106.5
Food.....do....	109.0	109.6	112.8	113.6	113.2	113.8
Dairy products.....do....	106.9	106.4	111.2	111.1	110.7	110.5
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	114.8	116.7	116.9	116.5	116.1	118.7
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	92.8	94.0	99.0	101.4	100.6	102.0
Housing.....do....	120.7	120.8	123.8	124.5	124.9	125.2
Gas and electricity.....do....	111.7	111.8	112.3	112.4	112.4	112.4
Housefurnishings.....do....	103.1	102.7	104.0	105.0	104.9	105.1
Rent.....do....	131.6	131.7	134.2	134.2	134.4	134.5
Medical care.....do....	131.4	131.6	135.3	135.5	136.4	136.9
Personal care.....do....	119.2	119.5	122.1	122.6	122.9	123.3
Reading and recreation.....do....	107.7	108.2	109.9	110.0	110.5	111.8
Transportation.....do....	126.7	126.4	133.6	134.4	135.1	135.5
Private.....do....	116.8	116.5	123.8	124.5	125.2	125.5
Public.....do....	170.8	170.8	174.9	175.8	175.8	176.8
Other goods and services.....do....	121.2	121.4	123.8	124.0	124.2	124.2
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....do....	88.7	88.0	85.5	85.5	85.5	2/85.3
Consumer prices.....do....	87.2	87.0	84.6	84.2	84.1	2/83.8
Retail food prices.....do....	91.7	91.2	88.7	88.0	88.3	2/87.9
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Construction cost index (E. H. Boeckh and Associates):						
Average, 20 cities:						
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	272.4	274.1	282.7	283.1	283.5	284.3
Brick and steel.....do....	268.7	270.3	278.3	278.5	278.8	279.1
Brick and wood.....do....	271.6	273.4	277.9	278.3	278.4	278.9
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do....	280.4	282.3	291.3	291.8	292.4	293.5
Brick and steel.....do....	278.4	280.0	290.3	291.3	291.6	292.3
Brick and wood.....do....	269.9	271.5	277.4	278.1	278.2	278.7

1/ Index based on 1935-39=100 is 199.5. 2/ Indexes based on 1935-39=100 are as follows: Measured by-- wholesale prices, 44.6; consumer prices, 50.1; retail food, 43.5.

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE - Continued						
Construction cost index (E. H. Boeckh and Assoc.) - Cont.						
Commercial and factory buildings - Continued						
Frame.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	271.4	273.6	275.4	275.3	275.4	275.9
Steel.....do....	263.3	264.6	276.8	278.4	278.7	279.1
Residences:						
Brick.....do....	272.1	273.8	278.3	278.6	278.7	279.3
Frame.....do....	266.2	268.2	270.7	270.8	270.9	271.3
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	12,499	5,562	5,279	7,486	12,145	6,142
Receipts, net.....do....	11,313	4,082	4,809	6,188	10,737	4,256
Customs.....do....	59	59	64	53	66	65
Income and employment taxes.....do....	11,344	4,461	3,903	6,313	10,887	4,799
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....do....	963	894	978	963	1,063	1,008
All other receipts.....do....	133	147	3,33	157	129	270
Expenditures.....do....	5,399	5,387	6,095	5,743	5,584	5,987
Interest on public debt.....do....	559	565	651	585	601	604
All other expenditures.....do....	4,840	4,823	5,444	5,158	4,983	5,383
Life insurance written (new paid-for insurance):						
Value, estimated total.....mil. of dol..	4,589	4,188	4,269	4,898	5,524	5,753
Group and wholesale.....do....	1,025	847	682	1,242	1,118	1,469
Industrial.....do....	571	512	464	495	549	536
Ordinary.....do....	2,993	2,829	3,123	3,161	3,857	3,748
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	41,851	45,006	53,628	41,227	41,136	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do....	79,150	71,802	85,428	74,946	76,985	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	1,728	1,412	1,491	1,512	1,208	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	1/10,166	1/9,162	7,978	8,955	9,796	.....
DDT.....thous. of lb..	11,083	10,967	10,878	9,311	11,522	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do....	6,791	6,820	8,748	5,702	6,371	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do....	81,632	80,315	93,089	82,526	89,577	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do....	121,906	112,692	109,149	105,976	111,620	.....
Methanol:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	189	204	171	166	197	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do....	20,703	19,078	20,503	18,144	18,771	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	29,625	28,271	25,561	27,242	27,080	.....
Vegetable oils, oilseeds, and byproducts:						
Copra:						
Consumption.....short tons..	24,593	26,708	30,277	24,480	26,621	27,222
Stocks.....do....	23,023	21,444	16,787	18,177	27,178	20,235
Coconut or copra oil:						
Production, crude.....thous. of lb..	31,511	33,716	38,967	31,114	34,031	34,459
Cottonseed:						
Receipts at mills.....thous. of short tons..	38	16	114	43	25	10
Consumption (crush).....do....	497	387	613	492	400	278
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	895	523	1,624	1,176	801	533
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production.....short tons..	229,954	179,398	293,321	238,857	192,415	135,735
Stocks.....do....	250,690	258,381	194,737	228,210	263,956	279,436
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude.....thous. of lb..	170,524	136,275	207,691	170,419	139,383	99,742
Linseed oil, raw:						
Production.....do....	63,428	43,243	46,864	45,657	52,970	31,106
Soybeans:						
Consumption.....thous. of bu..	25,365	25,259	28,420	26,622	28,909	26,899
Stocks, end of month.....do....	67,366	57,931	65,517	56,332	44,232	31,967
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude.....thous. of lb..	281,442	280,688	305,156	287,218	313,006	293,635
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	4,296	3,606	3,491	3,292	4,253	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	8,007	7,376	7,456	7,187	8,095	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	501	513	377	429	379	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do....	585	429	525	375	500	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	43,935	42,807	41,373	37,064	39,816	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	43,272	48,812	43,507	46,097	51,041	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	25,161	23,360	23,097	22,556	25,910	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	66,675	65,487	67,096	64,005	70,419	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	33,482	31,566	34,948	29,980	32,021	.....
Rosin modifications.....do....	11,468	11,819	10,848	10,517	9,951	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	5,986	5,855	7,265	7,187	8,618	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	40,567	42,205	52,394	49,800	56,587	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	13,829	13,902	14,829	13,080	15,428	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb..	2,127.6	1,930.1	2,199.0	1,843.3	1,932.0	1,866.0
Beef and veal.....do....	958.9	945.0	1,111.7	902.5	918.1	906.1
Lamb and mutton.....do....	59.3	53.8	64.8	53.9	49.5	50.6
Pork, including lard.....do....	1,109.4	931.3	1,022.6	886.9	964.4	909.2
Lard.....do....	224.1	182.8	196.4	172.8	190.8	182.1

1/ Incomplete; comparable amount for February 1956 is 8,047,000 gallons.

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Steel forgings (for sales):						
Orders, unfilled, total.....thous. of short tons..	577.7	569.4	536.9	532.9	517.0	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	158.9	150.0	147.7	135.0	145.8	.....
Drop and upset.....do....	122.2	114.8	113.0	102.2	107.9	.....
Pig iron, production.....do....	7,149	6,925	7,282	6,658	7,247	6,871
Barrels and drums, steel, heavy types (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....thousands..	2,278	2,322	2,308	2,152	2,198	.....
Shipments.....do....	2,251	2,294	1,907	1,803	1,911	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	61	59	69	64	62	.....
Machine tools (metal-cutting):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	89.50	79.30	63.25	58.20	r58.90	p51.30
Domestic.....do....	80.05	74.00	56.30	51.10	r51.30	p45.65
Shipments, total.....do....	74.15	71.80	76.55	77.70	r89.10	p88.10
Domestic.....do....	67.85	65.00	67.55	72.05	r78.80	p77.90
Estimated backlog.....months..	8.6	8.4	6.0	5.8	5.5	p5.0
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	395.7	352.9	276.7	300.9	312.7	281.6
Washers, domestic, sales billed 1/.....do....	405.7	324.2	331.3	319.6	286.2	230.7
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	49,953	47,369	52,631	46,427	r48,263	45,072
Stocks, end of month.....do....	109,974	109,822	101,758	100,253	r97,820	102,802
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do....	94,389	91,602	94,277	83,235	93,916	82,340
Consumption.....do....	77,715	74,479	85,490	77,260	r81.650	76,121
Stocks, end of month.....do....	150,995	155,410	193,724	184,808	r181,813	173,920
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS						
Glass containers:						
Production.....thous. of gross..	11,790	11,938	11,657	11,057	12,617	11,695
Shipments, domestic, total.....do....	12,010	10,642	10,022	9,710	11,109	11,021
General-use food:						
Narrow-neck food.....do....	1,020	1,014	948	892	1,100	1,091
Wide-mouth food (incl. packers' tumblers, jelly glasses, and fruit jars).....do....	2,826	2,781	2,997	2,843	3,049	2,963
Beverage.....do....	1,656	808	484	515	799	961
Beer bottles.....do....	940	984	577	508	889	911
Liquor and wine.....do....	1,340	1,216	963	1,061	1,190	1,060
Medicinal and toilet.....do....	2,997	2,673	2,902	2,791	2,899	2,810
Chemical, household and industrial.....do....	1,028	978	967	942	1,024	1,076
Dairy products.....do....	203	188	184	158	159	149
Stocks, end of month.....do....	14,673	15,705	14,976	16,107	17,318	17,793
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton: 2/						
Consumption.....bales..	916,176	722,551	840,567	684,366	690,627	807,979
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total....thousands..	20,888	r20,838	20,231	20,161	19,985	19,929
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	19,350	19,290	18,725	18,639	18,457	18,365
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total..mil. of hr..	12,563	r9,995	11,599	9,411	9,400	11,281
Average per working day.....do....	503	500	464	471	437	451
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	11,740	9,324	10,790	8,749	8,731	10,461

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Figures beginning January 1957 exclude sales of combination washer-dryer units (included in earlier data); data); sales of such types totaled 73,000 units in the first four months of 1957. 2/ Data for March 1956 and January and April 1957 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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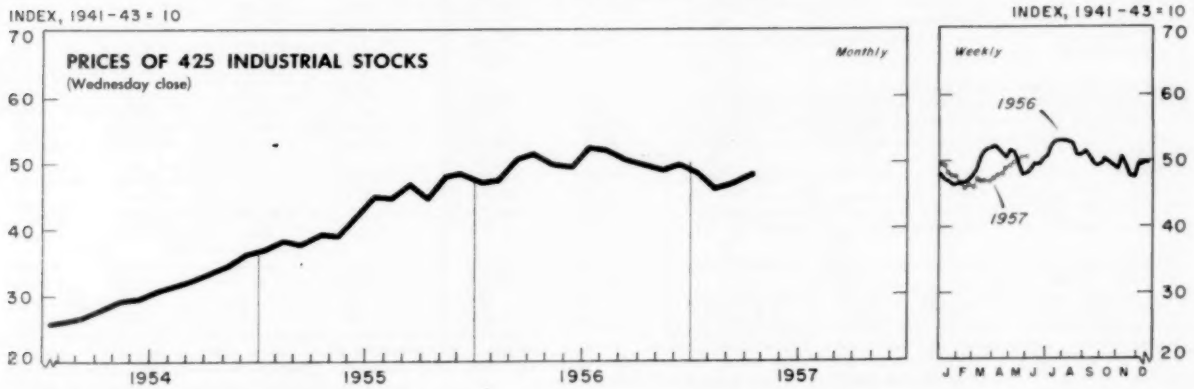

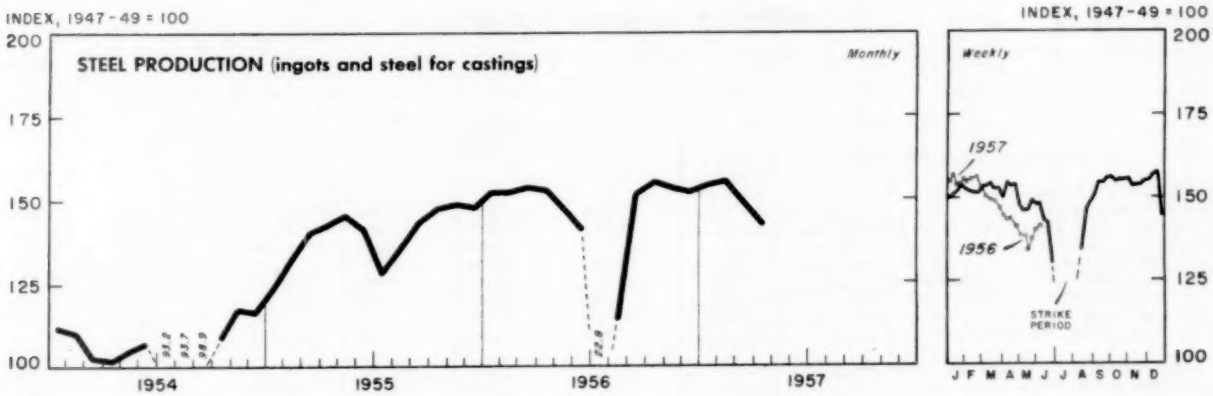

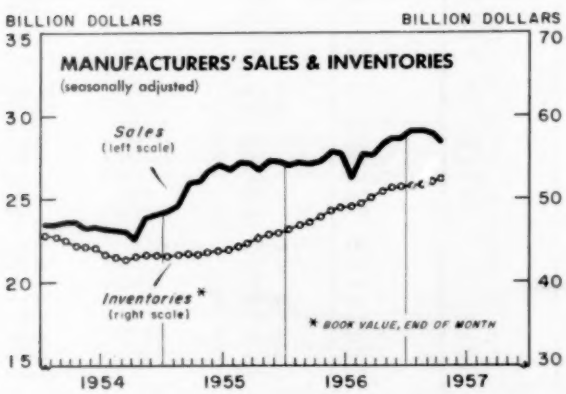

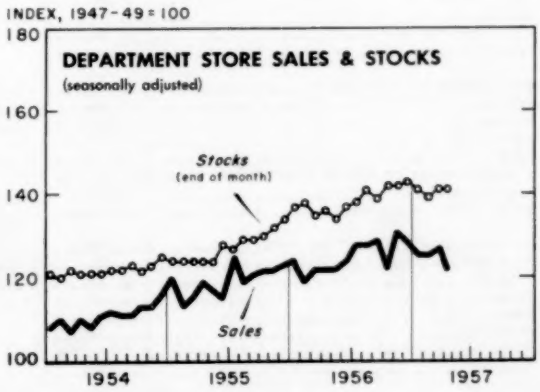

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	May 26	June 2	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.4	117.2	117.2	117.2	117.2
Farm products.....do....	.....	*90.9	90.2	89.7	89.7	89.9
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.4	104.4	105.0	105.3	105.3
All other.....do....	.....	*121.7	125.4	125.3	125.2	125.2
22 commodities 2/.....do....	90.4	88.3	88.2	87.6	88.3	88.7
Department store sales.....do....	117	109	133	120	116	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,263	1,322	1,451	1,441	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,188	1,247	1,356	1,346	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,317	30,327	30,589	30,654	30,645	30,660
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,310	24,995	25,177	25,031	25,070	24,833
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,809	18,569	18,984	18,845	18,818	18,616
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	534	342	497	450	492	311
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,444	55,521	55,273	55,057	55,151	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,687	21,684	23,213	23,276	23,356	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,115	84,724	86,087	85,905	85,626	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,877	26,873	25,552	25,221	25,114	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	28,093	27,784	31,338	31,569	31,328	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,494	8,503	8,665	8,699	8,664	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	273	238	267	264	309	225
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.46	3.46	4.01	4.02	4.03	4.06
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1941-43=10..	45.02	45.11	46.31	46.83	47.14	47.11
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	47.84	48.04	49.51	50.17	50.53	50.57
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,657	1,555	1,614	1,601	1,625	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,927	10,598	11,311	11,519	11,574	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	129,804	94,899	149,122	150,528	150,835	99,921
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,071	7,037	7,434	7,511	7,457	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,396	2,370	2,220	2,155	2,212	2,252
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#97.3	#96.3	86.7	84.2	86.4	88.0
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	788	719	723	723	723	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	385	352	352	350	343	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning June 3, 1957: Production, 2,274 thous. short tons; operating rate, 88.8 percent. *Monthly index for May 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	28,505	27,370	28,924	27,798	r29,762	28,937
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,290	13,944	14,469	13,999	r15,057	14,677
Primary metal.....do....	2,607	2,493	2,540	2,335	r2,540	2,444
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,427	1,434	1,544	1,467	r1,570	1,561
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,949	3,876	4,064	4,120	r4,452	4,300
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	3,313	3,257	3,814	3,666	r3,795	3,617
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,190	1,138	970	945	r1,027	1,065
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	696	698	614	599	r716	714
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,215	13,426	14,455	13,799	r14,705	14,260
Food and beverage.....do....	4,229	4,040	4,429	4,249	r4,496	4,381
Tobacco.....do....	313	320	338	312	r321	341
Textile.....do....	1,168	1,056	1,122	1,096	r1,129	1,090
Paper.....do....	938	902	930	844	r903	930
Chemical.....do....	2,059	2,052	2,155	1,968	r2,187	2,125
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,618	2,424	2,969	2,649	r2,825	2,695
Rubber.....do....	460	458	483	452	486	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	27,095	27,231	29,183	29,130	r28,770	28,549
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,294	13,519	14,642	14,726	r14,438	14,100
Primary metal.....do....	2,444	2,442	2,444	2,396	r2,380	2,395
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,385	1,434	1,560	1,544	r1,524	1,561
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,630	3,740	4,205	4,225	r4,171	4,103
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	3,021	3,001	3,782	3,847	r3,706	3,392
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,102	1,105	1,010	1,038	r997	986
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	676	705	690	713	r731	687
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,801	13,712	14,541	14,404	r14,332	14,449
Food and beverage.....do....	4,284	4,245	4,569	4,520	r4,562	4,583
Tobacco.....do....	323	348	356	363	r345	355
Textile.....do....	1,123	1,123	1,100	1,191	r1,118	1,112
Paper.....do....	893	884	912	870	r860	912
Chemical.....do....	1,939	1,970	2,095	2,023	r2,057	2,038
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,567	2,499	2,883	2,731	r2,716	2,778
Rubber.....do....	451	445	474	476	476	.....

r/ Revised. 1/ Data include "other industries" not shown.

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	47,674	48,170	51,971	52,291	r52,626	52,655
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	27,592	27,955	30,037	30,337	r30,648	30,819
Primary metal.....do....	3,524	3,536	4,325	4,335	r4,276	4,220
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,935	2,962	2,989	3,044	r3,101	3,194
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	9,222	9,458	10,092	10,219	r10,304	10,370
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).do....	6,875	6,877	7,526	7,552	r7,665	7,694
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,792	1,830	1,804	1,810	r1,846	1,824
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,040	1,053	1,078	1,117	r1,133	1,155
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	20,082	20,215	21,934	21,954	r21,978	21,836
Food and beverage.....do....	4,323	4,303	4,885	4,768	r4,647	4,503
Tobacco.....do....	1,926	1,884	2,097	2,103	r2,076	2,070
Textile.....do....	2,506	2,542	2,645	2,655	r2,670	2,630
Paper.....do....	1,139	1,145	1,258	1,302	r1,345	1,336
Chemical.....do....	3,406	3,434	3,792	3,850	r3,874	3,893
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,729	2,789	3,022	3,022	r3,068	3,092
Rubber.....do....	1,018	1,019	1,015	1,015	1,029	.....
Book value (adjusted), total.....do....	47,433	47,958	51,498	51,903	r52,263	52,482
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	27,432	27,723	29,884	30,190	r30,388	30,587
Primary metal.....do....	3,677	3,688	4,259	4,342	r4,408	4,399
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,877	2,933	3,019	3,044	r3,040	3,162
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	9,094	9,292	10,070	10,193	r10,160	10,188
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).do....	6,800	6,781	7,430	7,511	r7,557	7,595
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,792	1,812	1,804	1,810	r1,846	1,806
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,010	1,022	1,057	1,074	r1,100	1,121
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	20,001	20,235	21,614	21,713	r21,875	21,895
Food and beverage.....do....	4,391	4,448	4,712	4,706	r4,752	4,691
Tobacco.....do....	1,870	1,865	1,942	1,965	r1,996	2,050
Textile.....do....	2,457	2,492	2,672	2,655	r2,618	2,578
Paper.....do....	1,117	1,134	1,258	1,264	r1,293	1,323
Chemical.....do....	3,361	3,407	3,721	3,796	r3,821	3,863
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,785	2,817	3,113	3,084	r3,131	3,123
Rubber.....do....	979	970	995	985	989	.....
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....do....	28,593	27,556	28,652	27,438	r29,259	27,648
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,557	14,257	14,362	13,713	r14,724	13,323
Primary metal.....do....	2,613	2,146	2,293	2,446	r2,633	2,118
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,538	1,609	1,515	1,509	r1,567	1,469
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,162	4,335	4,177	4,147	r4,327	4,036
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,173	3,188	3,669	3,139	r3,492	3,212
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,036	13,299	14,290	13,725	r14,535	14,325
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	26,912	27,752	28,935	28,228	r27,670	27,804
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,337	14,073	14,393	13,979	r13,524	13,214
Primary metal.....do....	2,333	2,146	2,316	2,375	r2,351	2,184
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,373	1,577	1,595	1,540	r1,438	1,440
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,877	4,122	4,209	4,212	r4,032	3,839
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	2,884	3,188	3,669	3,304	r3,175	3.212
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,575	13,679	14,542	14,249	r14,146	14,590
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	57,224	57,410	62,134	61,774	r61,271	59,982
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	54,211	54,524	59,335	59,049	r58,716	57,362
Primary metal.....do....	7,387	7,040	7,486	7,597	r7,690	7,364
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,287	4,462	4,451	4,493	r4,490	4,398
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	17,036	17,495	19,283	19,310	r19,185	18,921
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	20,948	20,879	23,901	23,374	r23,071	22,666
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,013	2,886	2,799	2,725	r2,555	2,620
EMPLOYMENT						
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	3.1	3.3	3.2	2.8	2.8	p2.8
Separation rate, total.....do....	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.3	p3.2
Discharge.....do....	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	p.2
Lay-off.....do....	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	r1.4	p1.5
Quit.....do....	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.3	p1.3
Military and miscellaneous.....do....	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	p.2
ELECTRIC POWER						
Electric power:						
Production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	57,618	54,519	62,938	55,374	59,765	57,702
Electric utilities.....do....	50,344	47,489	55,503	48,666	52,447	50,669
Industrial establishments.....do....	7,274	7,030	7,435	6,708	7,318	7,033
Sales to ultimate customers, total (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. of kw.-hr..	*44,792	**44,108	47,693	46,217	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial:						
Small light and power.....do....	*7,094	**6,962	7,640	7,583	.....	.....
Large light and power.....do....	*22,665	**22,503	23,795	22,640	.....	.....
Railways and railroads.....do....	*427	**398	412	373	.....	.....
Residential or domestic.....do....	*12,542	**12,211	13,561	13,389	.....	.....
Rural (district rural rates).....do....	*682	**684	784	758	.....	.....
Street and highway lighting.....do....	*453	**412	487	440	.....	.....
Other public authorities.....do....	*881	**895	39	45	.....	.....
Interdepartmental.....do....	*48	**42	973	989	.....	.....
Revenue from sales to ultimate customers (Edison Electric Institute).....thous. of dol..	*733,571	**724,794	784,979	775,742	.....	.....

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	March	April	January	February	March	April
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins..	819	759	872	r844	813	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips..	2,285	2,180	2,254	r2,164	2,173	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	2,242	2,154	2,064	1,892	1,951	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,399	2,407	2,065	2,225	2,359	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Iron ore (Lake Superior district):						
Consumption by furnaces.....thous. of long tons..	23,370	r7,453	7,892	7,099	7,602	7,158
Stocks, end of month, total.....do....	23,020	19,373	37,484	30,110	21,941	17,167
At furnaces.....do....	20,365	17,184	33,580	26,817	19,672	15,170
On Lake Erie docks.....do....	2,655	2,189	3,905	3,293	2,270	1,996
Castings, gray iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....thous. of short tons..	1,163	1,145	905	931	935	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	1,255	1,218	1,213	1,103	1,133	.....
For sale.....do....	715	702	642	582	604	.....
Castings, malleable iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....short tons..	106,491	99,573	93,886	90,725	89,431	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	86,941	83,320	85,977	78,028	r78,013	.....
For sale.....do....	46,266	47,064	51,508	46,729	48,311	.....
Castings, steel:						
Shipments, total.....do....	170,045	163,708	169,240	154,932	r160,054	.....
For sale, total.....do....	130,839	125,015	133,826	121,667	124,416	.....
Railway specialties.....do....	31,991	27,475	30,090	27,181	29,968	.....
	April	May	February	March	April	May
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,421	3,780	r2,992	r3,265	r3,639	4,017
Private, total.....do....	2,424	2,600	r2,209	r2,377	r2,577	2,788
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,232	1,319	r1,048	r1,167	r1,300	1,405
New dwelling units.....do....	1,090	1,150	r795	r875	940	995
Additions and alterations.....do....	109	132	r217	r258	r326	373
Nonresidential building, total 1/.....do....	665	705	r704	709	713	747
Industrial.....do....	239	252	270	269	271	270
Commercial.....do....	252	266	r257	r264	r263	287
Farm construction.....do....	121	139	96	105	119	140
Public utility.....do....	398	427	349	383	430	478
Public, total.....do....	997	1,180	r783	r888	r1,062	1,229
Nonresidential building.....do....	314	335	r305	345	r374	387
Military facilities.....do....	104	115	r82	r84	r95	105
Highway.....do....	355	485	r195	r230	r335	455
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,683	3,744	r3,841	r3,878	r3,886	3,895
Private, total.....do....	2,582	2,608	r2,718	r2,720	r2,724	2,730
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,297	1,306	r1,397	r1,388	r1,360	1,330
Nonresidential building, total 1/.....do....	731	745	r748	r763	r771	783
Farm construction.....do....	127	126	123	124	125	127
Public utility.....do....	419	423	436	430	453	473
Public, total.....do....	1,101	1,136	r1,123	r1,158	r1,162	1,165
Nonresidential building.....do....	314	325	r350	r366	r380	376
Highway.....do....	436	450	r406	r434	r414	410

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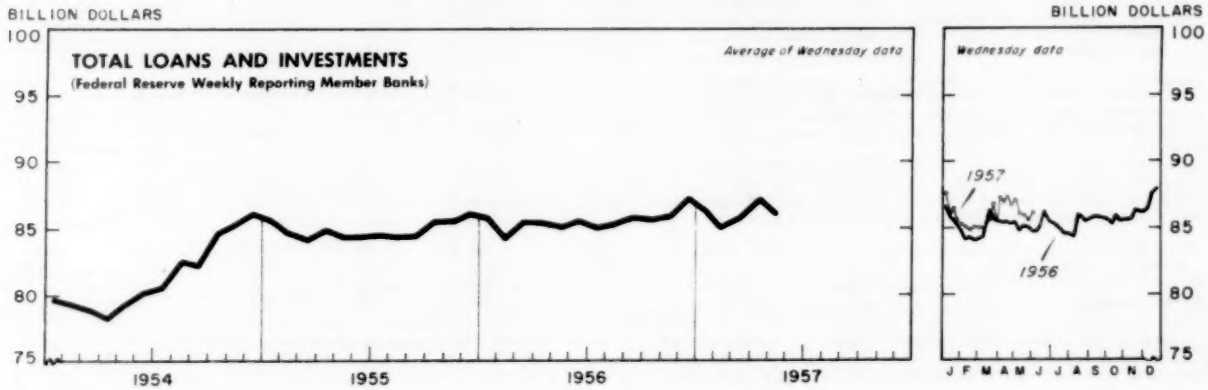

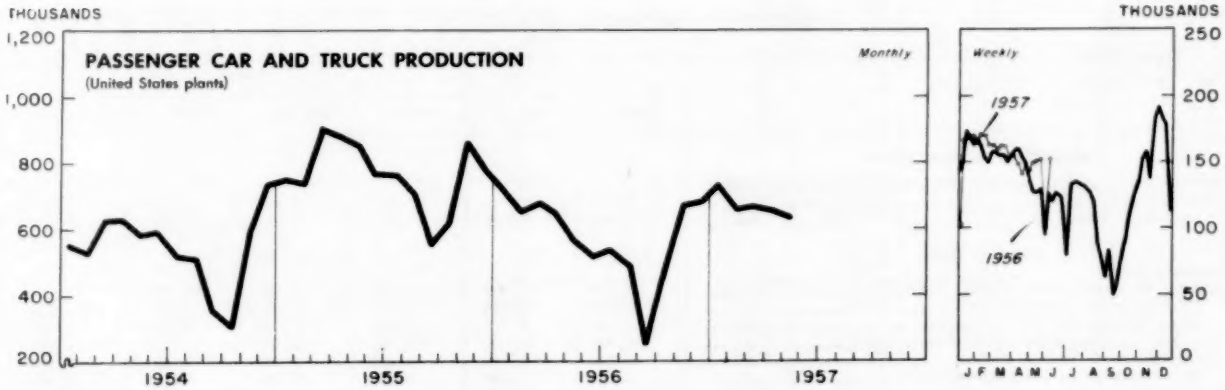

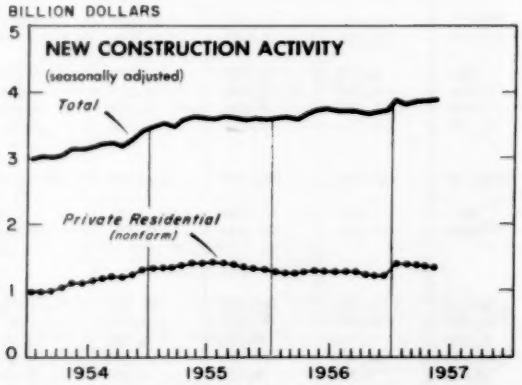

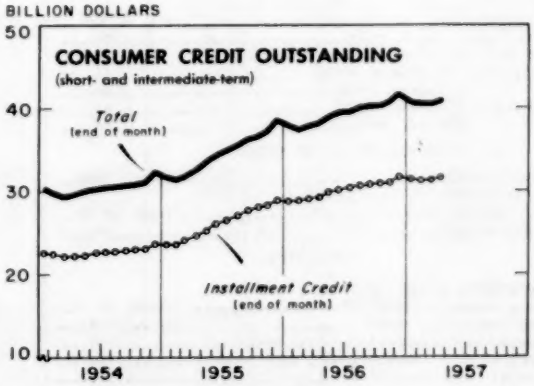

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	June 2	June 9	May 18	May 25	June 1	June 8
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.4	117.2	117.2	117.2	117.5
Farm products.....do....	.....	*90.9	89.7	89.7	89.9	90.8
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.4	105.0	105.3	105.3	106.5
All other.....do....	.....	*121.7	125.3	125.2	125.2	125.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.3	88.2	87.6	88.3	88.7	89.5
Department store sales.....do....	109	124	120	116	110	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,322	1,298	1,435	1,355	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,247	1,225	1,346	1,270	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,327	30,505	30,654	30,645	30,660	30,836
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	24,995	25,320	25,031	25,070	24,833	24,987
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,569	18,819	18,845	18,818	18,616	18,846
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	342	602	450	492	326	442
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,521	55,641	55,057	55,151	55,187	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,684	21,806	23,276	23,356	23,483	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,724	84,726	85,905	85,626	86,229	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,873	26,719	25,221	25,114	25,878	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	27,784	27,971	31,569	31,328	31,066	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,503	8,508	8,699	8,664	8,665	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	238	257	264	309	225	289
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.46	3.46	4.02	4.03	4.06	4.09
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's)4/...1941-43=10..	45.11	45.63	46.83	47.14	47.11	47.27
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	48.04	48.62	50.17	50.53	50.57	50.81
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,555	1,617	1,601	1,594	1,618	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,598	10,951	11,519	11,574	10,936	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	94,899	126,464	150,528	150,835	99,950	150,973
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,037	6,998	7,511	7,457	7,418	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,370	2,380	2,155	2,212	2,252	2,240
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#96.3	#96.7	84.2	86.4	88.0	87.5
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	719	787	723	723	672	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	352	383	350	343	318	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning June 10, 1957: Production, 2,257 thous. short tons; operating rate, 88.2 percent. *Monthly index for May 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Construction contracts awarded, 48 States (F. W.Dodge Corp.):						
Total valuation.....mil. of dol..	2,770	3,045	2,300	2,161	3,078	2,776
Building, total.....do....	2,250	2,392	1,731	1,696	2,200	2,070
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	10,240	9,900	10,300	9,570	r10,380	10,420
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	3,540	3,530	3,320	3,180	3,510	3,560
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,700	6,370	6,980	6,390	r6,870	6,860
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	12,620	12,620	13,180	13,100	r13,140	12,960
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	6,680	6,780	6,650	6,780	r6,960	6,950
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	5,940	5,840	6,530	6,320	r6,180	6,010
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	37,761	38,222	40,916	40,513	40,503	41,015
Installment credit, total.....do....	29,112	29,419	31,298	31,233	31,273	31,532
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,305	3,329	3,079	2,954	3,319	3,558
Repaid, total.....do....	3,108	3,022	3,333	3,019	3,279	3,299
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,167	3,402	3,512	3,496	3,299	3,505
Repaid, total.....do....	2,894	3,142	3,311	3,214	3,160	3,301
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Potash deliveries.....short tons..	210,257	257,348	162,814	183,140	266,028	260,317
Explosives (industrial), shipments:						
Black blasting powder.....thous. of lb..	526	451	546	722	246	223
High explosives.....do....	71,445	77,634	70,015	67,094	71,654	79,924
FOODSTUFFS						
Dairy products, production:						
Butter, creamery (factory).....thous. of lb..	129,300	136,010	116,405	109,255	124,855	132,870
Cheese (factory), total.....do....	119,070	129,185	100,920	97,105	116,150	131,460
Condensed milk (sweetened), case goods.....do....	3,410	4,650	7,350	8,275	6,380	6,550
Evaporated milk (unsweetened), case goods.....do....	208,950	240,100	162,000	169,850	212,600	260,500
Dry milk: Dry whole milk.....do....	9,425	9,450	7,700	6,500	6,450	8,200
Nonfat dry milk solids (human food).....do....	147,700	162,700	120,900	132,400	144,090	162,500

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
FOODSTUFFS - Continued						
Corn grindings, wet process.....thous. of bu..	11,963	11,142	11,731	10,874	11,313	11,133
Grains, receipts, principal markets:						
Corn.....do....	26,727	27,442	32,736	49,429	60,072	47,066
Oats.....do....	5,432	5,404	7,261	3,759	4,950	5,968
Rye.....do....	552	1,666	498	306	240	302
Wheat.....do....	23,929	29,874	29,679	24,144	21,462	24,030
Coffee, visible supply, United States.....thous. of bags..	770	753	988	1,181	853	1,034
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Shoes and slippers, production, total.....thous. of pairs..	55,341	48,968	51,535	51,398	r55,085	52,836
Shoes, sandals, and play shoes, exc.athletic, total..do....	49,636	43,240	47,410	45,847	r48,815	46,457
Men's.....do....	9,774	9,643	9,084	8,722	r9,642	9,366
Youths' and boys'.....do....	1,989	1,761	1,937	1,771	r1,950	2,116
Women's.....do....	26,779	22,861	25,224	24,774	r26,536	25,222
Misses' and children's.....do....	7,214	5,724	7,547	7,092	r6,931	6,275
Infants' and babies'.....do....	3,880	3,251	3,618	3,488	r3,756	3,478
Slippers for housewear.....do....	5,066	5,153	2,859	4,345	r5,042	5,135
Athletic.....do....	453	451	477	463	541	451
Other footwear.....do....	186	124	789	743	687	793
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association):						
Production, total.....mil. of bd. ft..	3,092	3,145	2,720	2,612	2,807	2,950
Softwoods.....do....	2,491	2,548	2,159	2,039	2,253	2,449
Shipments, total.....do....	3,265	3,268	2,625	2,486	2,758	3,023
Softwoods.....do....	2,596	2,629	2,116	1,951	2,231	2,511
Stocks, gross (mill and concentration yards), total..do....	8,522	8,399	9,863	9,989	10,037	9,990
Softwoods.....do....	5,391	5,310	6,130	6,218	6,240	6,204
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Steel products, net shipments:						
Total (all grades).....thous. of short tons..	8,256	7,784	7,809	7,067	7,822	7,350
Semifinished products.....do....	447	387	380	360	437	358
Structural shapes (heavy), steel piling.....do....	525	478	573	583	668	631
Plates.....do....	707	712	777	763	881	876
Rails and accessories.....do....	238	233	224	208	232	232
Bars and tool steel, total.....do....	1,284	1,209	1,180	1,085	1,145	1,030
Bars:						
Hot rolled (incl. light shapes).....do....	877	801	802	713	768	687
Reinforcing.....do....	217	228	224	235	240	216
Cold finished.....do....	178	167	144	127	128	118
Pipe and tubing.....do....	952	914	1,039	905	1,034	974
Wire and wire products.....do....	395	375	314	287	312	304
Tin mill products (incl. black plate).....do....	798	787	649	529	809	875
Sheets and strip (incl. electrical), total.....do....	2,910	2,655	2,674	2,347	2,302	2,070
Sheets: Hot rolled.....do....	853	798	847	731	753	680
Cold rolled (incl. enameling).....do....	1,327	1,191	1,232	1,083	1,026	907
Lead:						
Production, secondary, estimated recoverable...short tons..	37,047	38,434	36,009	38,283	38,483	.....
Imports (general), ore, metal.....do....	29,695	42,635	54,063	33,527	38,830	.....
Consumption, total.....do....	96,600	96,400	101,400	94,400	97,400	.....
Stocks, end of month:						
Producers', ore, base bullion, and in process.....do....	118,230	117,236	120,975	123,276	126,053	.....
Refiners' (primary), refined and antimonial.....do....	50,371	52,188	40,559	44,833	39,008	.....
Consumers', total.....do....	128,246	131,162	118,124	117,554	119,375	.....
Scrap (lead-base, purchased), all consumers.....do....	51,949	51,903	55,465	56,535	49,714	.....
Radiators and convectors, cast iron:						
Shipments.....thous. of sq. ft..	1,802	1,900	1,712	r1,797	1,803	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	5,814	6,082	4,139	r4,362	4,750	.....
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....number..	47,890	50,798	45,933	42,772	43,619	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	73,835	77,713	54,460	52,345	62,532	.....
Stoves and ranges, domestic cooking, excluding electrical:						
Shipments, total.....number..	194,454	174,627	146,360	r160,792	178,695	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	4,958	4,572	4,178	4,716	4,000	.....
Gas (including bungalow and combination).....do....	181,480	161,322	136,248	r149,126	163,668	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	8,016	8,733	5,934	6,950	11,027	.....
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total.....do....	131,234	125,580	89,855	90,716	105,041	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	10,636	14,310	6,379	8,021	9,870	.....
Gas.....do....	76,970	71,694	56,564	55,660	54,011	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	43,628	39,576	26,912	27,035	41,160	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do....	84,882	84,992	75,731	66,838	74,608	.....
Gas.....do....	56,527	57,390	49,228	43,708	51,030	.....
Oil.....do....	26,280	25,311	23,737	20,870	21,540	.....
Solid fuel.....do....	2,075	2,291	2,766	2,260	2,038	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do....	254,786	230,056	209,953	202,173	221,764	.....
PAPER AND PRINTING						
Paper, excluding building paper, newsprint, and paperboard:						
Orders, new.....thous. of short tons..	982.1	890.5	r873.7	r794.6	903.4	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	929.5	952.8	r693.6	r667.8	723.0	.....
Production.....do....	1,066.9	1,035.2	r1,061.2	r957.2	1,020.6	.....
Shipments.....do....	914.0	878.4	r885.3	r798.4	857.4	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	397.5	401.7	r494.6	r501.9	517.6	.....

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	March	April	January	February	March	April
PAPER AND PRINTING - Continued						
Paper, excluding building paper, newsprint, and paperboard - Continued						
Fine paper:						
Orders, new.....thous. of short tons..	149.8	137.8	r118.3	r131.7	133.1	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	131.9	133.5	r68.9	r79.6	78.7	.....
Production.....do....	144.5	135.6	r133.8	r125.0	139.6	.....
Shipments.....do....	144.0	136.1	r135.9	r127.8	134.8	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	96.2	99.8	r105.6	r133.4	133.4	.....
Printing paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	407.0	371.9	r364.2	r309.2	387.7	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	519.7	548.5	r422.2	r396.2	438.0	.....
Production.....do....	366.8	348.5	r362.0	r323.5	349.8	.....
Shipments.....do....	365.8	348.9	r353.1	r321.2	345.9	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	160.5	160.0	r202.6	r200.4	218.5	.....
Coarse paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	365.7	324.5	334.6	r302.1	322.5	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	222.1	215.8	156.6	r148.2	157.4	.....
Production.....do....	345.6	334.1	r344.1	r308.0	318.5	.....
Shipments.....do....	346.7	334.3	334.5	r297.4	320.3	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	89.5	91.2	123.1	r107.8	107.4	.....
RUBBER AND PRODUCTS						
Tires and tubes:						
Pneumatic casings:						
Production.....thousands..	9,193	8,834	9,504	9,169	9,766	8,950
Shipments, total.....do....	8,627	9,119	8,874	8,539	9,114	9,381
Original equipment.....do....	3,466	3,217	3,496	3,361	3,381	3,246
Stocks, end of month.....do....	21,562	21,132	20,490	21,008	21,743	21,308
Inner tubes:						
Production.....do....	3,347	3,094	3,364	3,362	3,822	3,428
Shipments.....do....	2,962	2,797	3,829	3,291	3,397	3,104
Stocks, end of month.....do....	6,848	7,312	5,789	5,960	6,540	6,969
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS						
Clay products:						
Brick, unglazed:						
Production.....thous. of standard brick..	611,058	627,494	437,692	400,758	467,798	534,682
Shipments.....do....	541,423	624,747	314,030	370,935	454,575	523,085
Clay sewer pipe, vitrified:						
Production.....short tons..	173,193	117,225	166,580	148,236	154,151	153,240
Shipments.....do....	159,463	127,755	107,907	111,676	133,298	139,420
Structural tile, unglazed:						
Production.....do....	68,058	65,901	54,447	49,962	57,747	52,258
Shipments.....do....	54,655	58,666	46,451	44,170	51,984	47,677
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number..	689,982	654,333	719,431	662,028	677,778	r647,414
Coaches, total.....do....	434	371	269	238	341	r506
Domestic.....do....	405	360	257	234	307	410
Passenger cars, total.....do....	583,169	552,881	628,045	570,023	585,734	r541,733
Domestic.....do....	554,761	529,945	610,678	556,930	569,242	526,310
Trucks, total.....do....	106,379	101,081	91,117	91,767	91,703	r105,175
Domestic.....do....	86,996	82,400	73,208	73,693	73,523	84,410

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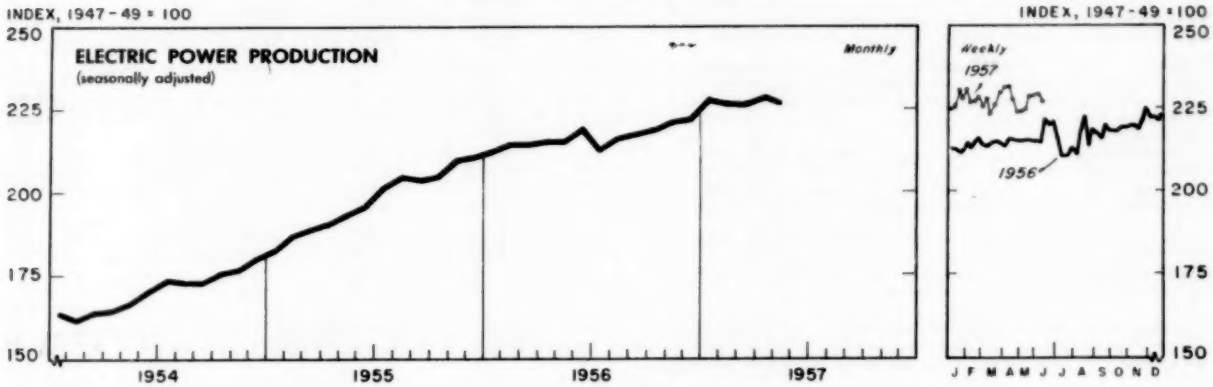

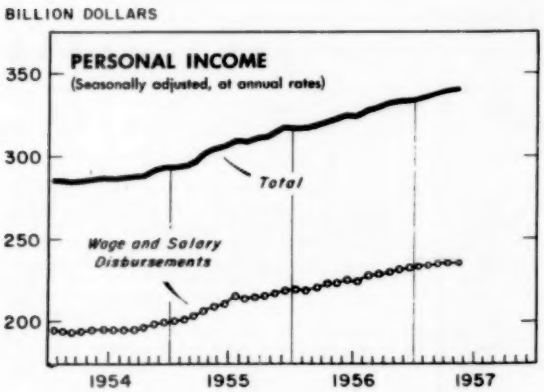

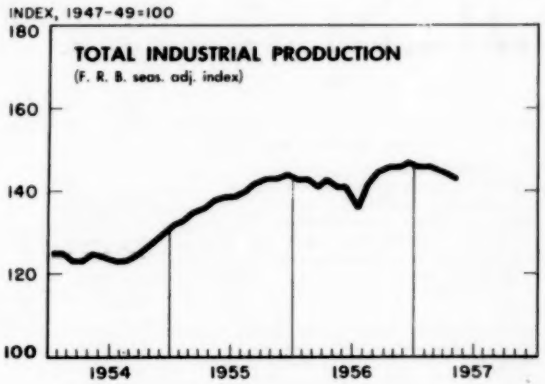

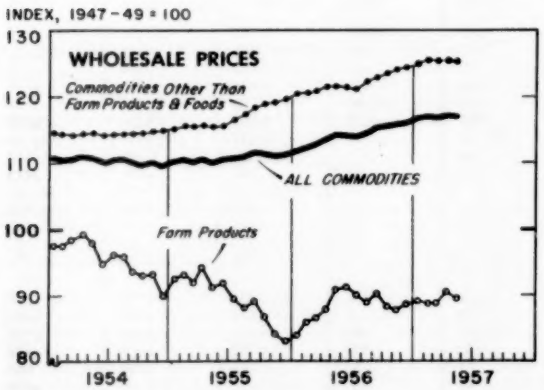

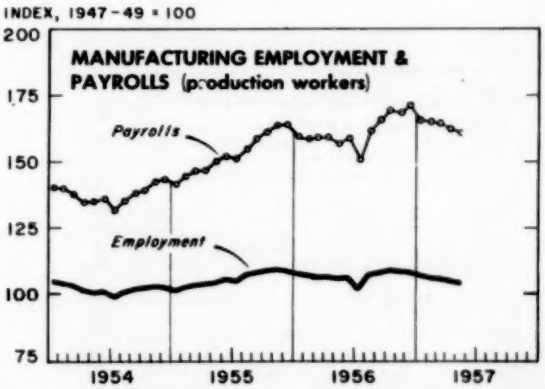

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	June 9	June 16	May 25	June 1	June 8	June 15
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.2	.....	.....	117.5	117.5
Farm products.....do....	.....	*91.2	.....	.....	90.6	90.6
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.3	.....	.....	106.5	106.8
All other.....do....	.....	*121.5	.....	.....	125.3	125.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.2	89.0	88.3	88.7	89.5	89.6
Department store sales.....do....	124	131	116	110	124	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,298	1,250	1,357	1,399	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,225	1,177	1,270	1,310	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,505	30,542	30,645	30,660	30,836	30,903
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,320	25,251	25,070	24,833	24,987	24,988
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,819	18,749	18,818	18,616	18,846	18,834
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	602	516	492	326	442	481
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,641	56,974	55,151	55,149	55,320	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,806	21,851	23,356	23,506	23,556	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,726	85,236	85,626	86,242	86,210	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,719	26,745	25,114	25,878	25,790	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)...do....	27,971	28,258	31,328	31,077	31,170	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,508	8,547	8,664	8,661	8,649	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	257	286	309	225	289	265
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.46	3.46	4.03	4.06	4.09	4.14
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's)4/...1941-43=10..	45.63	46.42	47.14	47.11	47.27	48.05
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	48.62	49.56	50.53	50.57	50.81	51.82
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,617	1,687	1,594	1,618	1,670	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,951	11,425	11,574	10,936	11,550	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	126,464	121,376	150,835	99,950	152,887	147,437
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,998	7,066	7,457	7,418	7,338	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,380	2,299	2,212	2,252	2,240	2,214
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#96.7	#93.4	86.4	88.0	87.5	86.5
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	787	801	723	672	733	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	383	381	343	318	349	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning June 17, 1957: Production, 2,240 thous. short tons; operating rate, 87.5 percent. *Monthly index for June 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source:						
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	321.7	322.8	336.6	338.1	339.3	340.4
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	222.9	223.2	233.7	234.5	r234.9	234.7
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	96.8	96.8	101.9	102.0	r102.2	101.6
Distributive industries.....do....	59.1	59.1	61.5	62.0	r61.8	62.1
Service industries.....do....	29.8	30.0	31.4	31.5	31.7	31.7
Government.....do....	37.2	37.3	38.9	39.0	r39.2	39.3
Other labor income.....do....	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.6
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	49.7	50.1	51.5	51.6	r51.6	51.7
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	29.1	29.4	30.7	30.9	31.1	31.3
Transfer payments.....do....	18.6	18.7	19.9	20.3	20.9	21.8
Less personal contributions for social insurance.do....	5.8	5.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	306.8	307.6	321.3	322.7	324.0	325.1
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	144	141	r148	148	r144	p143
Manufactures.....do....	146	142	149	150	r146	p144
Durable manufactures.....do....	162	157	167	166	163	p159
Primary metals.....do....	152	144	149	144	r141	p137
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	174	167	r185	r184	r179	p174
Fabricated metal products.....do....	136	130	r138	r138	139	p135
Machinery.....do....	r173	r168	r177	r177	r171	p166
Transportation equipment.....do....	201	189	231	r228	r222	p214
Instruments and related products.....do....	164	r163	174	174	r175	p171
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	119	117	119	119	r118	p114
Lumber and products.....do....	126	125	112	r112	r117	p115
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	158	162	151	r153	r156	p156
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	141	140	137	139	r138	p136
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	129	r128	131	133	r129	p129
Printing and publishing.....do....	137	136	139	144	r143	p143
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	135	137	145	r139	r138	p141
Minerals.....do....	130	130	131	r130	r129	p130
Coal.....do....	86	85	r87	88	84	p83
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	151	149	157	r155	r151	p150

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ITEM	1956 April	1956 May	1957 February	1957 March	1957 April	1957 May
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production (FRB) - Continued						
Adjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	143	141	146	r145	r144	p143
Manufactures.....do....	144	143	r148	147	r145	p145
Durable manufactures.....do....	159	157	164	162	161	p160
Primary metals.....do....	146	141	143	137	r136	p134
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	170	167	180	179	r176	p175
Fabricated metal products.....do....	136	130	r138	137	139	p135
Machinery.....do....	r170	r171	r172	r172	167	p169
Transportation equipment.....do....	193	187	224	222	r217	p213
Instruments and related products.....do....	162	164	174	173	173	p171
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	123	123	118	r118	r121	p120
Lumber and products.....do....	122	121	113	r111	112	p112
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	158	162	155	r154	r156	p156
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	144	143	136	137	141	p139
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	130	129	131	131	r130	p130
Printing and publishing.....do....	135	135	141	141	r141	p142
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	139	140	143	r141	r142	p144
Minerals.....do....	129	128	132	133	r128	p128
Coal.....do....	89	85	r87	r93	88	p84
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	147	149	r154	152	r147	p150
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do....	141	124	143	142	r132	p126
Major consumer durables.....do....	154	131	r157	155	r142	p133
Autos.....do....	162	127	178	171	155	p144
Major household goods.....do....	150	136	140	143	132	p125
Other consumer durables.....do....	109	108	112	111	r109	p108
Adjusted index, total.....do....	132	125	138	134	r126	p126
Major consumer durables.....do....	141	132	149	144	r133	p133
Autos.....do....	140	118	167	159	141	p139
Major household goods.....do....	145	141	134	132	128	p129
Other consumer durables.....do....	111	110	114	111	r110	p110
COMMODITY PRICES						
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S. Dept. of Commerce index).1935-39=100..	208.8	209.8	214.9	214.7	214.9	.....
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	113.6	114.4	117.0	116.9	117.2	117.1
Economic sector:						
Crude materials for further processing.....do....	95.4	96.6	96.7	96.7	97.1	96.6
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components...do....	121.7	122.2	125.1	124.9	r125.0	124.8
Finished goods.....do....	112.7	113.6	117.0	116.9	117.4	117.5
Farm products.....do....	88.0	90.9	88.8	88.8	90.6	89.5
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do....	101.8	111.8	96.1	94.1	103.0	109.0
Grains.....do....	89.5	90.5	87.0	87.5	87.3	85.4
Livestock and live poultry.....do....	70.8	74.4	75.0	76.6	79.3	78.7
Foods, processed.....do....	100.4	102.4	103.9	103.7	104.3	105.0
Cereal and bakery products.....do....	115.6	115.5	115.9	116.7	116.8	116.5
Dairy products and ice cream.....do....	105.9	107.9	112.5	111.3	111.4	110.7
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do....	109.0	109.3	105.9	105.9	104.9	104.7
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	79.3	82.1	83.9	84.6	88.2	91.5
Commodities other than farm products and foods.....do....	121.6	121.7	125.5	125.4	r125.4	125.3
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	106.9	106.9	108.8	108.8	109.1	109.1
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do....	110.6	110.8	119.6	119.2	r119.5	119.1
Furniture, other household durables.....do....	118.0	118.0	121.9	121.9	r121.5	121.5
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	100.6	100.0	98.0	98.4	98.8	99.1
Lumber and wood products.....do....	128.5	128.0	120.7	120.1	120.2	119.7
Machinery and motive products.....do....	135.7	136.5	144.5	144.8	145.0	145.0
Metals and metal products.....do....	147.7	146.8	151.4	151.0	150.1	150.0
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do....	128.6	128.6	132.7	133.2	r134.6	135.1
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	127.4	127.3	128.5	128.7	r128.6	128.9
Rubber and products.....do....	145.0	143.5	143.9	144.3	144.5	144.7
Textile products and apparel.....do....	95.1	94.9	95.7	95.4	r95.3	95.4
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	121.7	121.6	124.1	124.1	r124.5	124.5
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started:						
Unadjusted: Total, privately and publicly owned....thous..	111.4	113.7	r65.8	83.0	92.0	102.0
Privately owned, total.....do....	109.9	110.8	r63.1	75.5	89.5	96.0
In metropolitan areas.....do....	75.3	76.3	r45.1	54.2	62.3	66.7
Publicly owned.....do....	1.5	2.9	r2.7	7.5	2.5	6.0
Seasonally adjusted at annual rate:						
Privately owned, total.....do....	1,157.0	1,146.0	r923.0	880.0	940.0	990.0
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census): 1/						
Civilian labor force, total.....thousands..	66,555	67,846	66,311	66,746	66,951	67,893
Employed.....do....	r63,991	65,238	63,190	63,865	64,261	65,178
Agricultural employment.....do....	6,387	7,146	5,195	5,434	5,755	6,659
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	57,603	58,092	57,996	58,431	58,506	58,519
Unemployed.....do....	2,564	2,608	3,121	2,882	2,690	2,715
Employees in nonagricultural establishments: 2/						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Department of Labor).....do....	r51,178	r51,578	r51,704	r51,894	r52,242	p52,354
Manufacturing.....do....	r16,782	r16,730	r16,945	r16,933	16,807	p16,685

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Continued						
Employees in nonagr. establishments, unadjusted 1/ - Con.						
Mining.....thousands..	r808	r806	r833	r831	r833	p830
Contract construction.....do....	r2,757	r2,970	r2,673	r2,756	r2,916	p3,066
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	r4,130	r4,149	r4,120	r4,147	r4,158	p4,161
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	r11,065	r11,126	r11,225	r11,265	r11,424	p11,415
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	r2,289	r2,299	r2,301	2,310	r2,319	p2,333
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	r6,207	r6,282	r6,273	r6,317	r6,435	p6,497
Government.....do....	r7,140	r7,216	r7,334	r7,335	r7,350	p7,367
Production workers in manufacturing industries: 1/						
Total.....do....	r13,137	r13,063	r13,114	r13,085	r12,956	p12,831
Durable-goods industries.....do....	r7,706	r7,648	r7,721	r7,693	r7,625	p7,564
Ordnance and accessories.....do....	84	83	79	79	r78	p78
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	r656	r683	r589	r593	r611	p627
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	r317	r313	r313	r312	311	p308
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	r472	r473	r449	r451	r456	p456
Primary metal industries.....do....	1,136	r1,118	r1,124	r1,112	r1,099	p1,090
Fabricated metal products 2/.....do....	r896	r882	r902	r898	r889	p876
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	1,292	r1,280	r1,294	r1,291	r1,277	p1,251
Electrical machinery.....do....	r869	r866	r877	r869	r853	p850
Transportation equipment.....do....	r1,360	r1,324	r1,482	r1,474	r1,436	p1,418
Instruments and related products.....do....	r229	r228	r230	r231	r231	p227
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	r5,431	r5,415	r5,393	r5,392	r5,331	r5,267
Food and kindred products.....do....	r1,015	r1,042	r987	r989	r989	p1,006
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	r78	r78	r84	r77	74	p73
Textile-mill products.....do....	r97	r969	r933	r929	r920	p910
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	r1,065	r1,046	r1,095	r1,098	r1,068	p1,018
Paper and allied products.....do....	r461	r464	r466	r467	r467	p463
Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do....	r548	547	r555	r559	r560	p560
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	r565	r556	r548	r550	r552	p544
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	r172	172	r173	r173	172	p173
Rubber products.....do....	r214	r211	r213	r211	r195	p201
Leather and leather products.....do....	r337	r331	r340	r341	r334	p321
Manufacturing production-worker indexes: 1/						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	r106.2	r105.6	r106.0	r105.8	r104.7	p103.7
Adjusted.....do....	r107.3	r107.1	r106.4	r106.0	r105.8	p105.2
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	r158.5	r156.4	r165.0	r164.3	r162.2	p160.2
Hours and earnings: 1/						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing..hours..	40.3	r40.0	40.2	40.1	r39.8	p39.7
Durable-goods industries.....do....	41.1	40.8	40.9	r40.8	r40.5	p40.2
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	39.2	r39.0	39.3	r39.1	r38.8	p38.8
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	78.99	r78.40	82.41	82.21	r81.99	p81.78
Durable-goods industries.....do....	85.49	84.86	88.75	r88.94	r88.29	p87.23
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	70.17	r70.20	73.10	r73.12	r72.56	p72.94
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	1.96	r1.96	2.05	2.05	r2.06	p2.06
Durable-goods industries.....do....	2.08	2.08	2.17	2.18	2.18	p2.17
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	1.79	1.80	1.86	1.87	1.87	p1.88
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Industrial trucks (electric), shipments:						
Hand (motorized).....number..	624	719	559	583	606	.....
Rider-type.....do....	503	520	385	411	455	.....
Industrial trucks and tractors (gasoline-powered), shipments.....number..	2,232	2,254	1,610	1,909	1,941	.....

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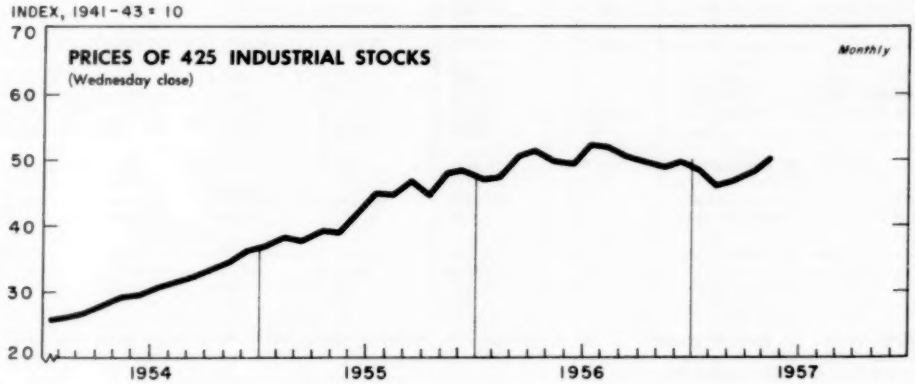

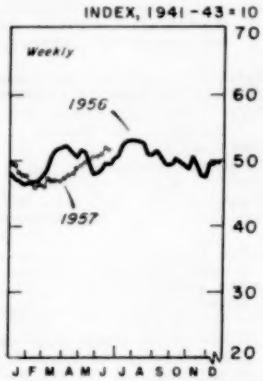

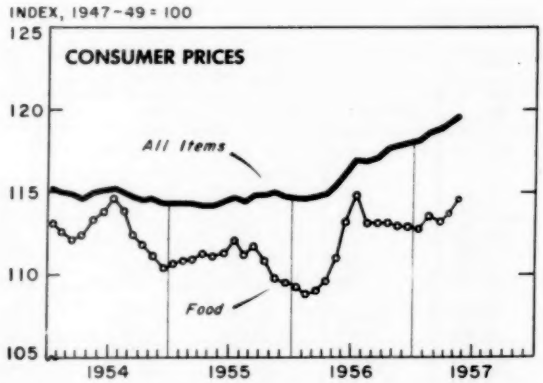

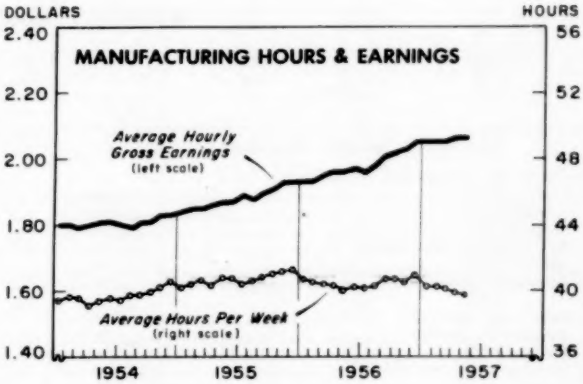

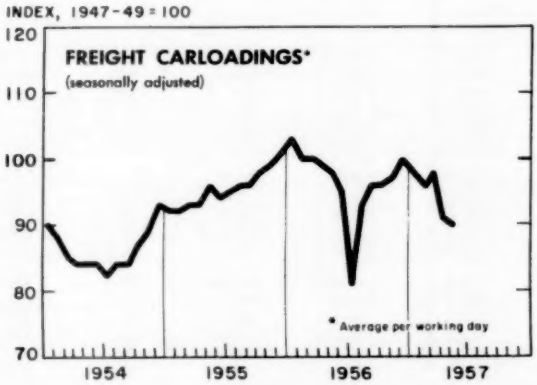

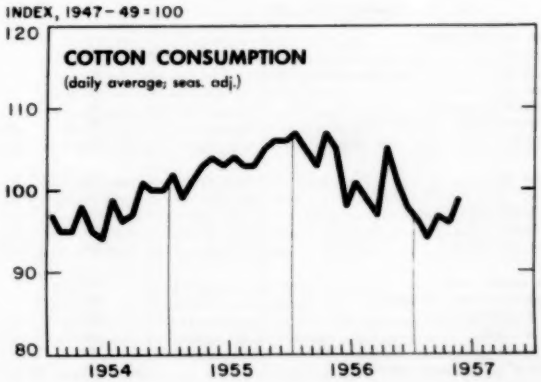

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Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.2	.....	117.3	117.5	117.3
Farm products.....do....	.....	*91.2	.....	90.6	90.9	90.7
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.3	.....	106.5	106.3	105.2
All other.....do....	.....	*121.5	.....	125.3	125.3	125.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	89.0	87.8	88.7	89.5	89.6	89.3
Department store sales.....do....	131	109	110	125	129	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,250	1,222	1,399	1,396	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,177	1,150	1,310	1,305	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,542	30,541	30,660	30,836	30,903	30,904
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,251	25,779	24,833	24,987	24,988	25,424
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,749	19,116	18,616	18,846	18,834	19,148
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	516	616	326	442	495	592
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,974	56,905	55,149	55,320	56,448	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,851	21,934	23,506	23,556	23,585	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,236	86,336	86,242	86,210	86,754	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,745	27,055	25,878	25,790	25,690	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	28,258	28,916	31,077	31,170	31,519	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,547	8,582	8,661	8,649	8,667	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	286	245	225	289	265	241
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.46	3.46	4.06	4.09	4.14	4.18
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	46.42	46.41	47.11	47.27	48.05	47.72
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	49.56	49.54	50.57	50.81	51.82	51.53
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,687	1,690	1,618	1,670	1,717	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,425	11,478	10,936	11,550	11,958	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	121,376	126,836	99,950	152,887	148,120	141,404
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,066	7,056	7,418	7,338	7,294	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,299	2,290	2,252	2,240	2,214	2,181
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#93.4	#93.0	88.0	87.5	86.5	85.2
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	801	799	672	733	746	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	381	382	318	349	354	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning June 24, 1957: Production, 2,220 thous. short tons; operating rate, 86.7 percent. *Monthly index for June 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....number..	985	1,164	1,146	1,336	1,175	1,200
Commercial service.....do....	91	94	93	99	118	82
Construction.....do....	153	132	180	205	172	181
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	186	245	199	239	190	205
Retail trade.....do....	463	575	568	672	580	600
Wholesale trade.....do....	92	118	106	121	115	132
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	41,871	59,901	65,406	55,833	57,103	52,552
Commercial service.....do....	2,900	3,619	2,493	3,833	3,878	4,728
Construction.....do....	6,967	8,877	8,440	10,424	9,090	10,820
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	17,142	28,450	33,402	17,760	16,286	14,888
Retail trade.....do....	10,772	13,242	14,780	17,816	15,994	15,686
Wholesale trade.....do....	4,090	5,713	6,291	6,000	11,855	6,430
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index:						
All items.....1947-49=100..	114.9	115.4	118.7	118.9	119.3	1/119.6
Apparel.....do....	104.8	104.8	106.1	106.8	106.5	106.5
Food.....do....	109.6	111.0	113.6	113.2	113.8	114.6
Dairy products.....do....	106.4	107.5	111.1	110.7	110.5	110.0
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	116.7	121.5	116.5	116.1	118.7	122.5
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	94.0	95.5	101.4	100.6	102.0	103.7
Housing.....do....	120.8	120.9	124.5	124.9	125.2	125.3
Gas and electricity.....do....	111.8	111.8	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.3
Housefurnishings.....do....	102.7	102.6	105.0	104.9	105.1	104.2
Rent.....do....	131.7	132.2	134.2	134.4	134.5	134.7
Medical care.....do....	131.6	131.9	135.5	136.4	136.9	137.3
Personal care.....do....	119.5	119.6	122.6	122.9	123.3	123.4
Reading and recreation.....do....	108.2	108.2	110.0	110.5	111.8	111.4
Transportation.....do....	126.4	127.1	134.4	135.1	135.5	135.3
Private.....do....	116.5	117.1	124.5	125.2	125.5	125.4
Public.....do....	170.8	172.5	175.8	175.8	176.8	176.8
Other goods and services.....do....	121.4	121.5	124.0	124.2	124.2	124.3

1/ Index based on 1935-39=100 is 200.0.

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	April	May	February	March	April	May
COMMODITY PRICES - Continued						
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....1947-49=100..	88.0	87.4	85.5	85.5	85.3	1/85.4
Consumer prices.....do....	87.0	86.7	84.2	84.1	83.8	1/83.6
Retail food prices.....do....	91.2	90.1	88.0	88.3	87.9	1/87.3
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: 2/						
Total.....thous. of sq. yd..	7,578	8,513	7,229	9,582	7,816	9,772
Airports.....do....	337	1,084	1,489	3,023	1,172	2,284
Roads.....do....	3,764	3,873	4,425	4,660	3,702	4,209
Streets and alleys.....do....	3,477	3,557	1,316	1,899	2,941	3,279
Construction cost index (E. H. Boeckh and Associates):						
Average, 20 cities:						
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	274.1	276.8	283.1	283.5	284.3	286.3
Brick and steel.....do....	270.3	272.5	278.5	278.8	279.1	280.7
Brick and wood.....do....	273.4	275.4	278.3	278.4	278.9	280.3
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do....	282.3	285.3	291.8	292.4	293.5	295.9
Brick and steel.....do....	280.0	282.2	291.3	291.6	292.3	294.4
Brick and wood.....do....	271.5	273.8	278.1	278.2	278.7	280.2
Frame.....do....	273.6	275.4	275.3	275.4	275.9	277.4
Steel.....do....	264.6	266.2	278.4	278.7	279.1	280.4
Residences:						
Brick.....do....	273.8	276.1	278.6	278.7	279.3	280.8
Frame.....do....	268.2	269.9	270.8	270.9	271.3	272.6
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Television advertising:						
Cost of facilities, total.....thous. of dol..	38,979	40,610	39,385	r43,653	41,207	.....
Automotive, including accessories.....do....	5,147	5,425	3,732	r4,470	3,929	.....
Drugs and toiletries.....do....	9,403	10,086	11,182	11,984	11,125	.....
Foods, soft drinks, confectionery.....do....	7,840	8,155	8,891	9,295	8,761	.....
Soaps, cleansers, etc.....do....	5,037	5,125	5,139	5,583	5,825	.....
Smoking materials.....do....	3,419	3,087	3,321	3,789	3,810	.....
Magazine advertising:						
Cost, total.....do....	75,485	72,961	54,612	r67,899	81,439	.....
Apparel and accessories.....do....	5,643	5,510	3,445	4,904	6,206	.....
Automotive, including accessories.....do....	7,924	6,685	4,509	5,607	7,053	.....
Building materials.....do....	4,559	4,560	2,350	3,557	5,145	.....
Drugs and toiletries.....do....	5,732	6,111	5,536	6,002	7,028	.....
Foods, soft drinks, confectionery.....do....	8,542	7,847	7,879	8,883	9,058	.....
Beer, wine, liquors.....do....	3,286	3,149	2,305	3,117	3,696	.....
Household equipment and supplies.....do....	5,063	5,465	2,840	3,976	5,246	.....
Household furnishings.....do....	4,405	4,054	1,556	2,590	4,126	.....
Industrial materials.....do....	5,735	6,627	4,480	r5,796	6,147	.....
Soaps, cleansers, etc.....do....	1,330	1,368	978	1,441	1,526	.....
Smoking materials.....do....	1,516	1,655	1,578	2,017	1,923	.....
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	5,562	7,107	7,486	12,145	6,142	7,759
Receipts, net.....do....	4,082	5,050	6,188	10,727	4,256	5,282
Customs.....do....	59	63	53	66	65	64
Income and employment taxes.....do....	4,461	5,780	6,313	10,887	4,799	6,403
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....do....	894	1,014	963	1,063	1,008	1,146
All other receipts.....do....	147	251	157	129	270	147
Expenditures.....do....	5,387	5,467	5,743	5,584	5,987	5,944
Interest on public debt.....do....	565	561	585	601	604	604
All other expenditures.....do....	4,823	4,906	5,158	4,983	5,383	5,340
Life insurance written (new paid-for insurance):						
Value, estimated total.....mil. of dol..	r4,244	r4,603	r5,000	r5,653	r5,907	6,224
Group and wholesale.....do....	r850	r1,018	r1,281	r1,158	r1,510	1,680
Industrial.....do....	r531	r602	r509	r563	r569	574
Ordinary.....do....	r2,863	r2,983	r3,210	r3,932	r3,828	3,970
FOODSTUFFS						
Distilled spirits:						
Production.....thous. of tax gal..	17,652	18,617	18,105	18,902	19,033	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	13,736	13,252	10,805	12,420	11,190	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	851,287	854,709	842,059	845,407	850,996	.....
Whisky:						
Production.....do....	11,426	11,592	11,243	12,151	12,500	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	6,910	6,280	6,139	6,626	5,432	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	733,530	736,196	732,777	735,536	740,710	.....
Rectified spirits and wines, prod.....thous. of proof gal..	7,243	6,870	4,607	5,137	5,238	.....
Whisky.....do....	6,230	5,722	3,675	4,016	4,170	.....
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins..	759	701	844	813	752	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips..	2,180	2,382	2,164	r2,164	2,114	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	2,154	2,547	1,892	1,951	1,959	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,407	2,505	2,225	2,359	2,365	.....

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METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Barrels and drums, steel, heavy types (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....thousands..	2,322	2,334	r1/2,346	r2,444	2,326	.....
Shipments.....do....	2,294	2,469	r1/2,050	r2,179	2,160	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	59	69	r1/69	r68	78	.....
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:						
Electric processing.....thous. of dol..	1,924	2,035	4,441	1,809	1,089	1,279
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	6,182	1,178	3,429	6,794	1,665	2,048
Machine tools (metal-cutting):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	79.30	87.10	58.20	58.90	51.30	p41.55
Domestic.....do....	74.00	79.45	51.10	51.30	r45.70	p38.10
Shipments, total.....do....	71.80	76.80	77.70	89.10	r87.80	p78.70
Domestic.....do....	65.00	70.50	72.05	78.80	r77.65	p71.05
Estimated backlog.....months..	8.4	8.2	5.8	5.5	5.0	p4.6
Tractors (except contractors' off-highway and garden):						
Shipments (incl. wheel-type), total.....thous. of dol..	92,794	81,342	82,060	92,650	83,965	.....
Tracklaying.....do....	49,798	47,292	38,709	44,044	38,575	.....
PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING						
Wood pulp:						
Production, total, all grades.....thous. of short tons..	1,859.5	1,954.4	1,709.8	r1,893.7	1,841.4	.....
Dissolving and special alpha.....do....	65.8	87.8	83.6	92.0	93.9	.....
Sulfate.....do....	1,016.1	1,069.2	915.6	1,037.3	993.1	.....
Sulfite.....do....	246.2	229.1	207.5	220.9	225.5	.....
Groundwood.....do....	246.0	268.0	244.0	r267.2	263.7	.....
Defibrated or exploded.....do....	102.0	106.3	91.2	96.7	96.7	.....
Soda, semichem., screenings, damaged, etc.....do....	183.4	194.0	167.8	r179.6	168.4	.....
Stocks, end of month, total, all mills.....do....	780.8	797.6	871.5	r869.8	861.4	.....
Pulp mills.....do....	181.6	190.5	206.6	206.9	209.2	.....
Paper and board mills.....do....	493.3	504.9	564.3	r561.1	545.6	.....
Nonpaper mills.....do....	105.8	102.2	100.6	101.8	106.6	.....
All paper and board mills, production:						
Paper and board, total.....do....	r2,645	2,761	2,432	r2,655	2,602	.....
Paper.....do....	r1,162	1,198	1,104	r1,183	1,169	.....
Paperboard.....do....	r1,203	1,274	1,090	r1,224	1,181	.....
Wet-machine board.....do....	12	13	12	r13	13	.....
Construction paper and board.....do....	268	277	226	235	240	.....
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton: 2/						
Consumption.....bales..	722,551	713,289	684,366	690,627	807,979	672,756
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....thousands..	20,838	r20,800	20,161	19,985	19,929	19,781
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	19,290	19,276	18,639	18,457	18,365	18,246
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total...mil. of hr..	9,995	r9,803	9,411	9,400	11,281	9,223
Average per working day.....do....	500	r490	471	r470	451	461
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	9,324	9,128	8,749	8,731	10,461	8,533
Rayon and acetate:						
Production:						
Filament yarn.....mil. of lb..	64.5	63.9	61.3	63.9	r63.6	62.1
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	34.2	32.0	31.9	34.2	34.6	34.1
Stocks, producers', end of month, total.....do....	102.5	110.6	105.6	111.3	r116.7	122.5
Filament yarn.....do....	55.0	61.0	59.2	62.6	r64.3	67.0
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	47.5	49.6	46.4	48.7	52.4	55.5

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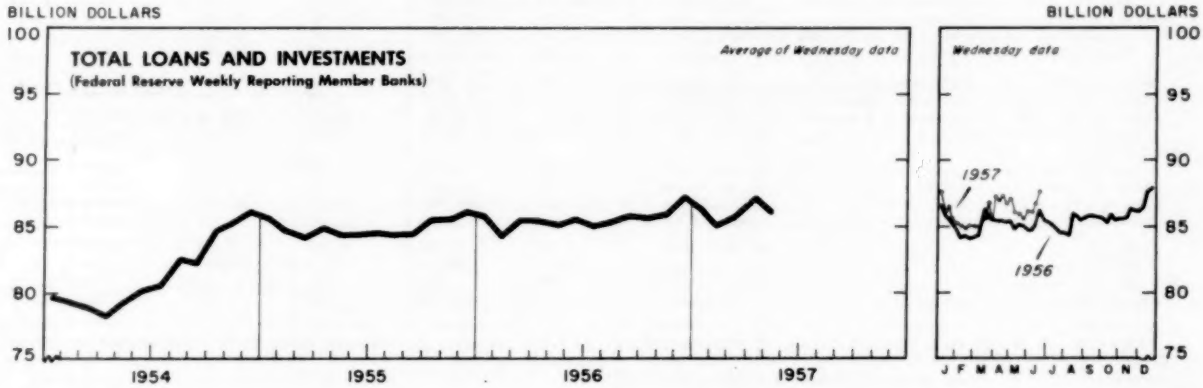

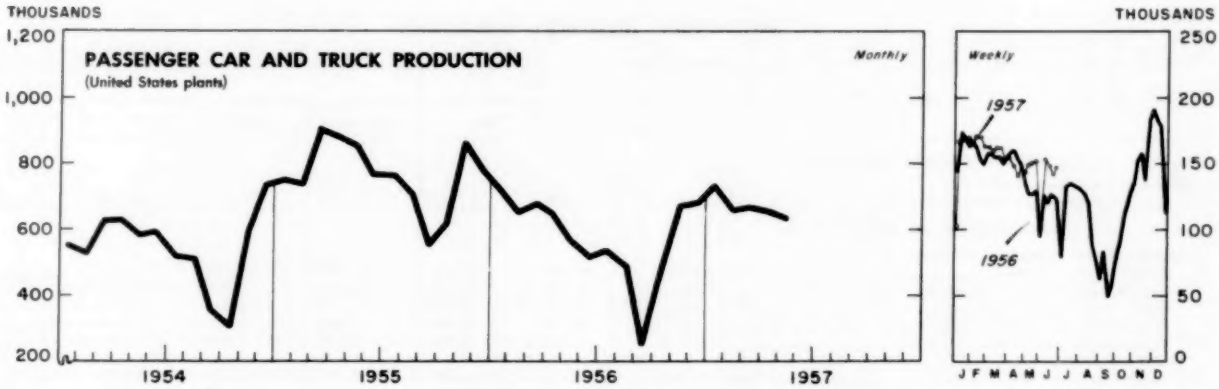

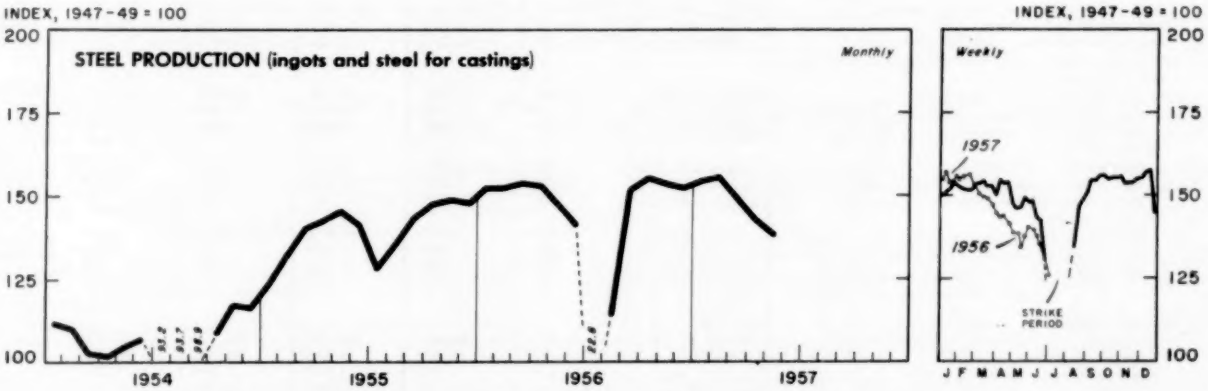

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Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.3	106.5	106.3	105.2	105.0
All other.....do....	.....	*121.5	125.3	125.3	125.3	125.2
22 commodities 2/.....do....	87.8	88.1	89.5	89.6	89.3	89.9
Department store sales.....do....	109	104	125	129	119	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,222	1,147	1,396	1,340	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,150	1,076	1,305	1,251	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,541	30,485	30,836	30,903	30,904	30,849
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,779	25,621	24,987	24,988	25,424	25,294
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,116	19,030	18,846	18,834	19,148	19,171
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	616	595	442	495	592	560
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,905	56,210	55,320	56,448	56,276	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,934	22,014	23,556	23,585	23,491	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	86,336	85,622	86,210	86,754	87,670	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	27,055	26,582	25,790	25,690	25,633	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	28,916	28,845	31,170	31,519	32,463	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,582	8,606	8,649	8,667	8,675	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	245	249	289	265	241	271
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.46	3.47	4.09	4.14	4.18	4.21
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	46.41	47.07	47.27	48.05	47.72	47.09
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	49.54	50.35	50.81	51.82	51.53	50.92
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,690	2,057	1,670	1,723	1,713	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,478	11,498	11,550	11,958	12,337	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	126,836	123,328	152,887	148,120	141,084	147,836
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,056	7,034	7,338	7,294	7,238	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,290	2,114	2,240	2,214	2,181	2,150
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#93.0	#85.9	87.5	86.5	85.2	84.0
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	800	755	733	746	747	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	382	376	349	354	354	.....

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Business incorporations:						
New incorporations (48 States).....number..	12,475	13,142	10,791	11,815	12,078	11,986
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	50,204	52,625	51,685	59,225	57,716	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	16,702	18,560	18,272	20,930	20,390	.....
Mail, ton-miles flown.....do....	7,216	7,742	7,397	8,243	8,126	.....
Passengers originated, revenue.....do....	3,172	3,230	2,808	3,327	3,371	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	1,787	1,782	1,702	2,006	2,008	.....
Telephone carriers:						
Operating revenues.....thous. of dol..	497,170	508,204	520,662	539,632	548,780	.....
Station revenues.....do....	285,273	287,980	303,413	306,349	311,431	.....
Tolls, message.....do....	169,239	177,309	170,471	186,255	189,272	.....
Operating expenses, before taxes.....do....	327,381	341,681	332,369	572,316	583,535	.....
Net operating income.....do....	68,677	67,478	76,025	75,788	75,815	.....
Phones in service, end of month.....thousands..	50,056	50,346	53,156	53,431	53,741	.....
Telegraph, cable, and radiotelegraph carriers:						
Wire-telegraph:						
Operating revenues.....thous. of dol..	18,842	20,288	19,182	20,600	21,033	.....
Operating expenses, including depreciation.....do....	16,345	17,284	16,924	17,859	18,317	.....
Net operating revenues.....do....	1,602	2,086	1,306	1,763	1,732	.....
Ocean-cable:						
Operating revenues.....do....	2,725	2,816	2,689	2,879	2,824	.....
Operating expenses, including depreciation.....do....	2,134	2,292	2,249	2,340	2,313	.....
Net operating revenues.....do....	334	255	197	272	239	.....
Radiotelegraph:						
Operating revenues.....do....	3,123	3,269	3,332	3,501	3,413	.....
Operating expenses, including depreciation.....do....	2,459	2,509	2,443	2,567	2,545	.....
Net operating revenues.....do....	549	637	791	833	767	.....
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	45,006	44,221	41,227	41,136	32,738	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do....	71,802	77,102	74,946	76,985	64,305	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	1,412	1,453	1,512	1,208	1,570	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	1/9,162	10,165	8,955	9,796	10,414	.....

1/ Incomplete; comparable March 1956 figure is 10,166,000 gallons.

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Continued						
Organic chemicals, production - Continued						
DDT.....thous. of lb..	10,967	13,712	9,311	11,522	11,766	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do....	6,820	7,204	5,702	6,371	7,420	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do....	80,315	80,050	82,526	89,577	97,156	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do....	112,692	116,444	105,976	111,620	105,163	.....
Methanol:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	204	199	166	197	193	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do....	19,078	17,814	18,144	r18,701	16,647	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	28,271	24,507	27,242	27,080	30,226	.....
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	3,606	3,481	3,292	4,253	3,823	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	7,376	7,458	7,187	r8,289	7,168	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	513	569	429	379	357	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do....	429	489	375	500	528	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	42,807	41,746	37,064	39,816	34,526	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	48,812	50,480	46,097	51,041	48,708	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	23,360	23,455	22,556	25,910	22,695	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	65,487	63,977	64,005	70,419	68,679	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	31,566	31,968	29,980	r31,879	32,391	.....
Rosin modifications.....do....	11,819	11,493	10,517	9,951	10,508	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	5,855	7,289	7,187	8,618	8,961	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	42,205	47,010	49,800	56,587	51,793	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	13,902	14,512	13,080	15,428	15,635	.....
ELECTRIC POWER						
Electric power:						
Production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	54,519	56,279	55,374	59,765	57,702	58,909
Electric utilities.....do....	47,489	49,086	48,666	52,447	50,669	51,699
Industrial establishments.....do....	7,030	7,193	6,708	7,318	7,033	7,210
FOODSTUFFS						
Distilled spirits, consumption for beverage purposes thous. of wine gallons..	16,257	17,628	15,936	16,897	15,264	.....
Livestock:						
Cattle and calves:						
Slaughter (federally inspected):						
Calves.....thous. of animals..	604	606	550	632	613	580
Cattle.....do....	1,545	1,646	1,488	1,514	1,499	1,665
Receipts, principal markets.....do....	2,146	2,124	1,770	1,836	1,947	1,961
Shipments, feeder, to 9 corn-belt States.....do....	216	196	178	237	212	205
Hogs:						
Slaughter (federally inspected).....do....	5,252	4,875	4,985	5,380	5,000	4,884
Receipts, principal markets.....do....	2,895	2,749	2,622	2,710	2,657	2,573
Sheep and lambs:						
Slaughter (federally inspected).....do....	1,129	1,063	1,091	1,011	1,061	1,133
Receipts, principal markets.....do....	1,146	1,054	943	858	996	1,013
Shipments, feeder, to 9 corn-belt States.....do....	115	121	142	127	113	161
Meats:						
Production, total.....mil. of lb..	1,930.1	1,942.2	1,843.3	1,932.0	1,866.0	1,963.0
Beef and veal.....do....	945.0	1,006.2	902.5	918.1	906.1	999.1
Lamb and mutton.....do....	53.8	47.3	53.9	49.5	50.6	52.6
Pork, including lard.....do....	931.3	888.7	886.9	964.4	909.2	911.3
Lard.....do....	182.8	174.1	172.8	190.8	182.1	186.3
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Iron and steel scrap:						
Production and receipts, total.....thous. of short tons..	7,145	7,586	6,741	r7,110	6,520	.....
Home scrap produced.....do....	3,934	3,947	3,744	r3,959	3,768	.....
Purchased scrap received (net).....do....	3,210	3,639	2,997	r3,151	2,752	.....
Consumption, total.....do....	7,270	7,271	6,763	r7,049	6,520	.....
Stocks, consumers', end of month.....do....	6,737	7,054	7,306	r7,361	7,373	.....
Pig iron, production.....do....	6,925	6,921	6,658	7,247	6,871	6,945
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	352.9	326.0	300.9	312.7	281.6	231.2
Washers, domestic, sales billed 1/.....do....	324.2	315.2	319.6	286.2	230.7	254.2
Radio sets, production 2/.....do....	993.0	1,060.2	1,264.8	1,609.1	1,115.8	r1,023.8
Television sets (incl. combination), production 2/.....do....	549.6	467.9	464.7	559.8	361.2	r342.4
PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING						
Pulpwood:						
Receipts.....thous. of cords (128 cu. ft.)..	2,707	2,838	3,137	r3,129	2,718	.....
Consumption.....do....	3,010	3,147	2,827	r3,080	3,025	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	4,899	4,586	6,719	r6,766	6,451	.....
Waste paper:						
Receipts.....short tons..	775	800	678	r721	724	.....
Consumption.....do....	755	787	680	r731	726	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	468	483	517	r506	504	.....
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	47,369	48,272	46,427	48,263	r45,368	46,385
Stocks, end of month.....do....	109,822	107,324	100,253	97,820	r102,796	98,817
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do....	91,602	93,740	83,235	93,916	82,340	95,012
Consumption.....do....	74,479	76,168	77,260	81,650	r76,355	79,930
Stocks, end of month.....do....	155,410	162,682	184,808	181,813	r173,611	174,113

r/ Revised. 1/ Figures beginning February 1957 exclude sales of combination washer-dryer units (included in earlier data); sales of such types totaled 82,500 units in the first five months of 1957. 2/ Data for March 1957 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	240	245	238	242	243	244
Crops.....do....	249	261	237	242	244	241
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	259	290	252	294	315	283
Cotton.....do....	270	273	252	258	266	270
Feed grains and hay.....do....	192	192	181	180	179	173
Food grains.....do....	226	219	235	233	225	218
Fruit.....do....	227	261	237	237	228	246
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	265	259	265	264	263	260
Potatoes 1/.....do....	263	334	148	145	156	152
Tobacco.....do....	454	453	459	459	457	457
Livestock and products.....do....	232	231	238	242	241	245
Dairy products.....do....	247	245	260	253	248	247
Meat animals.....do....	250	251	263	275	278	287
Poultry and eggs.....do....	178	172	150	150	144	145
Wool.....do....	233	235	274	286	310	317
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	265	264	272	273	273	273
Family living items.....do....	278	280	284	285	286	287
Production items.....do....	250	248	258	260	259	257
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates..do....	286	286	295	296	296	296
Parity ratio.....do....	84	86	81	82	82	82
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	r3,962	r4,288	r3,280	r3,641	r4,033	4,354
Private, total.....do....	r2,839	r3,030	r2,392	r2,579	r2,808	3,012
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	r1,539	r1,654	1,167	1,300	r1,410	1,534
New dwelling units.....do....	1,150	1,235	875	940	r1,000	1,105
Additions and alterations.....do....	r352	r379	258	326	373	389
Nonresidential building, total 2/.....do....	r706	r761	709	713	747	786
Industrial.....do....	r253	r264	269	271	270	270
Commercial.....do....	r295	r324	264	263	287	309
Farm construction.....do....	r143	r156	105	119	140	156
Public utility.....do....	r441	448	r398	r432	r493	517
Public, total.....do....	r1,123	r1,258	888	1,062	r1,225	1,342
Nonresidential building.....do....	r334	r358	345	374	r389	399
Military facilities.....do....	r116	r135	84	95	r100	115
Highway.....do....	r427	r501	230	335	455	530
Other types.....do....	r246	r264	229	258	r281	298
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	r3,849	r3,879	r3,895	r3,888	r3,911	3,939
Private, total.....do....	r2,785	r2,792	r2,737	r2,726	r2,750	2,778
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	r1,469	r1,475	1,388	1,360	r1,335	1,364
Nonresidential building, total 2/.....do....	r740	r754	763	771	783	779
Farm construction.....do....	r130	r130	124	125	127	130
Public utility.....do....	r437	423	r447	r455	r488	488
Public, total.....do....	r1,064	r1,087	1,158	1,162	r1,161	1,161
Nonresidential building.....do....	r326	r334	366	380	r378	373
Highway.....do....	r384	r392	434	414	410	414
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	131	132	135	135	137	.....

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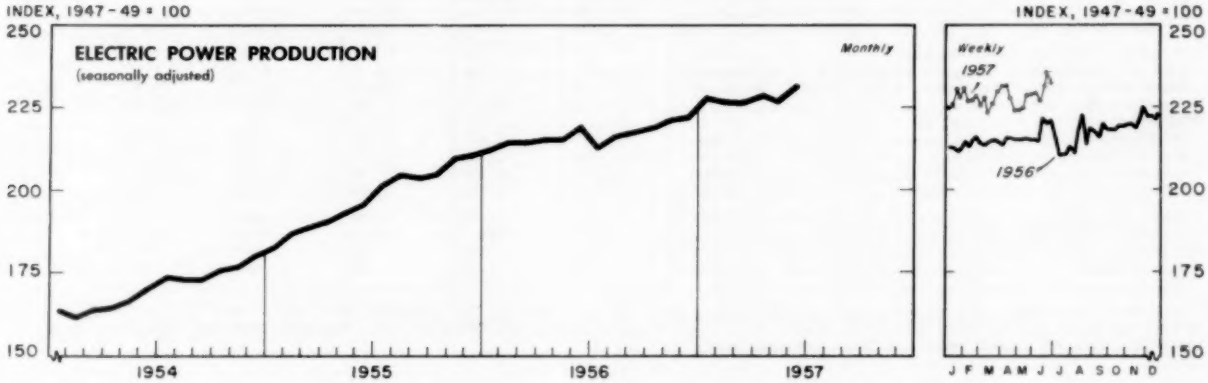

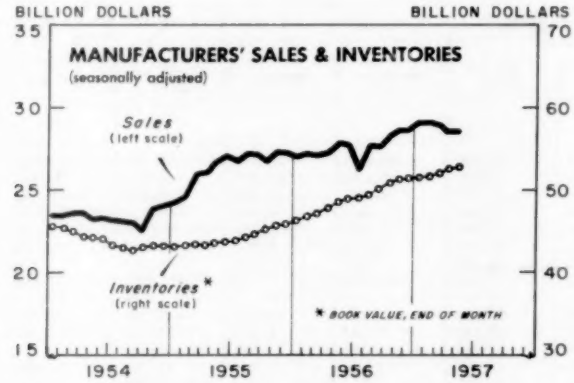

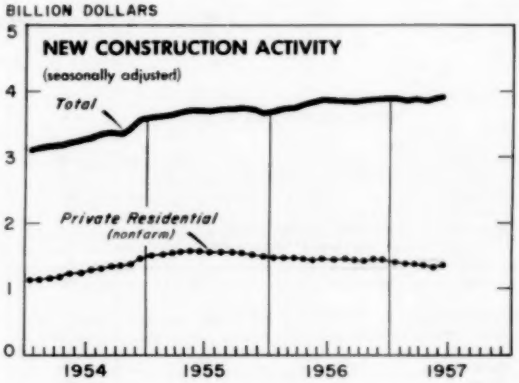

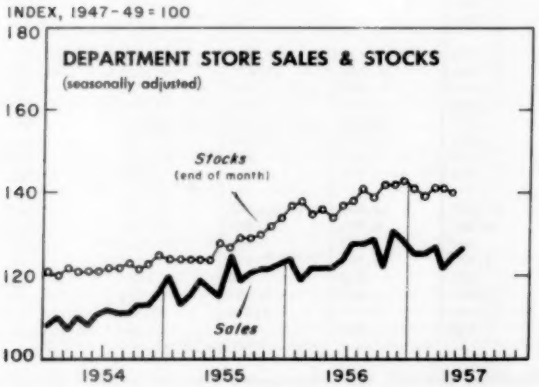

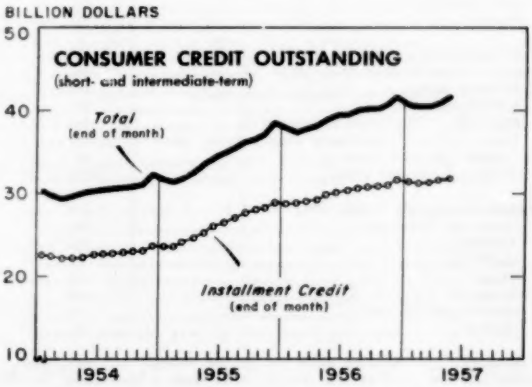

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	June 30	July 7	June 15	June 22	June 29	July 6
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.2	117.5	117.3	117.1	117.4
Farm products.....do....	.....	*91.2	90.9	90.7	90.2	90.4
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.3	106.3	105.2	105.1	105.7
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22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.1	87.5	89.6	89.3	89.9	90.1
Department store sales.....do....	105	93	129	119	107	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,147	1,317	1,337	1,307	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,076	1,211	1,251	1,220	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,485	30,765	30,903	30,904	30,849	31,146
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,621	25,685	24,988	25,424	25,294	25,387
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,030	18,902	18,834	19,148	19,171	18,865
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	595	472	495	592	568	346
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,210	55,248	56,448	56,276	55,729	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	22,014	21,988	23,585	23,491	23,607	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,622	85,521	86,754	87,670	86,972	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,582	26,559	25,690	25,633	24,917	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	28,845	28,843	31,519	32,463	32,532	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,606	8,591	8,667	8,675	8,668	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	249	208	265	241	271	190
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.47	3.48	4.14	4.18	4.21	.....
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	47.07	47.32	48.05	47.72	47.09	48.46
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	50.35	50.63	51.82	51.53	50.92	52.49
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	2,057	1,881	1,723	1,733	1,837	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,498	10,391	11,958	12,337	12,111	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	123,328	79,671	148,120	141,084	150,000	88,746
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,034	7,086	7,294	7,238	7,190	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,114	302	2,214	2,181	2,150	2,009
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#85.9	#12.3	86.5	85.2	84.0	78.5
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	755	478	746	747	732	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	376	274	354	354	357	.....

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,370	27,830	27,798	29,762	r28,939	29,076
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,944	14,069	13,999	15,057	r14,699	14,671
Primary metal.....do....	2,493	2,502	2,335	2,540	r2,404	2,337
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,434	1,441	1,467	1,570	r1,618	1,595
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,876	3,957	4,120	4,452	r4,337	4,366
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,257	3,181	3,666	3,795	r3,649	3,643
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,138	1,185	945	1,027	r1,017	972
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	698	738	599	716	r707	756
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,426	13,761	13,799	14,705	r14,240	14,405
Food and beverage.....do....	4,040	4,322	4,249	4,496	r4,368	4,597
Tobacco.....do....	320	367	312	321	r347	389
Textile.....do....	1,056	1,046	1,096	1,129	r1,025	1,057
Paper.....do....	902	912	844	903	930	929
Chemical.....do....	2,052	2,107	1,968	2,187	r2,142	2,216
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,424	2,501	2,649	2,825	r2,698	2,739
Rubber.....do....	458	459	452	486	491	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	27,231	27,814	29,130	28,770	r28,586	28,586
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,519	13,754	14,726	14,438	r14,159	14,159
Primary metal.....do....	2,442	2,472	2,396	2,380	r2,285	2,182
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,434	1,486	1,544	1,524	r1,586	1,564
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,740	3,935	4,225	4,171	r4,197	4,343
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,001	2,972	3,847	3,706	r3,385	3,410
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,105	1,129	1,038	997	r1,038	972
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	705	716	713	731	r686	706
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,712	14,060	14,404	14,332	r14,427	14,427
Food and beverage.....do....	4,245	4,312	4,520	4,562	r4,510	4,539
Tobacco.....do....	348	346	363	345	r358	354
Textile.....do....	1,123	1,125	1,191	1,118	r1,068	1,101
Paper.....do....	884	931	870	860	r921	920
Chemical.....do....	1,970	2,097	2,023	2,057	r2,024	2,107
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,499	2,633	2,731	2,716	r2,810	2,793
Rubber.....do....	445	464	476	476	481	.....

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CORRECTION for p. 2 of the July 5, 1957 Weekly Supplement to the SURVEY: Telephone carriers, operating expenses, before taxes (thous. of dol.)--March 1957, 355,372; April 1957, 362,395.

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	48,170	48,834	52,291	52,626	r52,749	52,907
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	27,955	28,446	30,337	30,648	r30,880	30,947
Primary metal.....do....	3,536	3,658	4,335	4,276	4,220	4,308
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,962	3,037	3,044	3,101	r3,144	3,144
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	9,458	9,655	10,219	10,304	r10,349	10,431
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).do....	6,877	6,889	7,552	7,665	r7,814	7,679
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,830	1,868	1,810	1,846	1,824	1,813
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,053	1,057	1,117	1,133	1,155	1,170
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.4	7.6	8.1	8.0	7.9	8.0
Goods in process.....do....	11.5	11.7	12.6	12.8	r13.0	12.8
Finished goods.....do....	9.0	9.2	9.6	9.8	10.0	10.1
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	20,215	20,388	21,954	21,978	r21,869	21,960
Food and beverage.....do....	4,303	4,238	4,768	4,647	r4,510	4,408
Tobacco.....do....	1,884	1,829	2,103	2,076	r2,047	2,031
Textile.....do....	2,542	2,602	2,655	2,670	r2,622	2,625
Paper.....do....	1,145	1,144	1,302	1,345	r1,344	1,332
Chemical.....do....	3,434	3,477	3,850	3,874	r3,899	3,886
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,789	2,856	3,022	3,068	r3,111	3,235
Rubber.....do....	1,019	1,024	1,015	1,029	1,021	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.3	8.2	8.9	8.8	8.6	8.5
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.3
Finished goods.....do....	8.9	9.1	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	47,958	48,566	51,903	52,263	r52,577	52,832
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	27,723	28,123	30,190	30,388	r30,569	30,667
Primary metal.....do....	3,688	3,770	4,342	4,408	r4,378	4,453
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,933	2,920	3,044	3,040	r3,082	3,023
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	9,292	9,523	10,193	10,160	r10,196	10,250
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).do....	6,781	6,830	7,511	7,557	r7,709	7,685
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,812	1,850	1,810	1,846	r1,788	1,777
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,022	1,036	1,074	1,100	r1,111	1,147
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.7	7.8	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.3
Goods in process.....do....	11.4	11.6	12.5	12.7	12.8	12.8
Finished goods.....do....	8.7	8.7	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.7
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	20,235	20,443	21,713	21,875	r22,008	22,165
Food and beverage.....do....	4,448	4,467	4,706	4,752	r4,732	4,728
Tobacco.....do....	1,865	1,866	1,965	1,996	r2,027	2,052
Textile.....do....	2,492	2,526	2,655	2,618	r2,571	2,524
Paper.....do....	1,134	1,144	1,264	1,293	r1,331	1,332
Chemical.....do....	3,407	3,479	3,796	3,821	r3,879	3,925
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,817	2,828	3,064	3,131	r3,174	3,268
Rubber.....do....	970	985	985	989	991	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.2	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.7
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3
Finished goods.....do....	9.0	9.1	10.0	10.1	r10.2	10.1
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,556	27,945	27,438	29,259	r27,535	28,011
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,257	14,223	13,713	14,724	r13,183	13,513
Primary metal.....do....	2,146	2,488	2,446	2,633	r2,040	2,185
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,609	1,492	1,509	1,567	r1,474	1,645
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,335	4,187	4,147	4,327	r4,085	3,991
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,188	3,052	3,139	3,492	r3,081	3,153
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,299	13,722	13,725	14,535	r14,352	14,498
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	27,752	28,803	28,228	27,670	r27,757	28,208
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,073	14,732	13,979	13,524	r13,012	13,746
Primary metal.....do....	2,146	2,392	2,375	2,351	r2,125	2,061
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,577	1,538	1,540	1,438	r1,474	1,695
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,122	4,460	4,212	4,032	r3,829	4,141
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,188	3,213	3,304	3,175	r3,081	3,284
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,679	14,071	14,249	14,146	r14,745	14,462
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	57,410	57,525	61,774	61,271	r59,867	58,802
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	54,524	54,678	59,049	58,716	r57,200	56,042
Primary metal.....do....	7,040	7,026	7,597	7,690	r7,326	7,174
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,462	4,513	4,493	4,490	r4,346	4,396
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	17,495	17,725	19,310	19,185	r18,933	18,558
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	20,879	20,750	23,374	23,071	r22,503	22,013
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	2,886	2,847	2,725	2,555	r2,667	2,760
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Construction contracts awarded, 48 States (F. W. Dodge Corp.):						
Total valuation.....mil. of dol..	3,045	2,980	2,161	3,078	2,776	3,400
Building, total.....do....	2,392	2,317	1,696	2,200	2,070	2,417
EMPLOYMENT						
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	3.3	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	p2.9
Separation rate, total.....do....	3.4	3.7	3.0	3.3	r3.3	p3.3
Discharge.....do....	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	p.3
Lay-off.....do....	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.5	p1.4
Quit.....do....	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.3	p1.4
Military and miscellaneous.....do....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	p.3

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FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	38,222	38,919	40,513	40,503	41,015	41,707
Installment credit, total.....do....	29,419	29,763	31,233	31,273	31,532	31,901
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,329	3,470	2,954	3,319	3,558	3,709
Repaid, total.....do....	3,022	3,126	3,019	3,279	3,299	3,340
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,402	3,255	3,496	3,299	3,505	3,485
Repaid, total.....do....	3,142	3,060	3,214	3,160	3,301	3,274
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association):						
Production, total.....mil. of bd. ft..	3,145	3,431	2,612	2,807	2,950	3,050
Softwoods.....do....	2,548	2,804	2,039	2,253	2,449	2,560
Shipments, total.....do....	3,268	3,381	2,486	2,758	3,023	3,119
Softwoods.....do....	2,629	2,788	1,951	2,231	2,511	2,609
Stocks, gross (mill and concentration yards), total...do....	8,399	8,450	9,989	10,037	9,990	9,929
Softwoods.....do....	5,310	5,327	6,218	6,240	6,204	6,163
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....number..	50,798	51,650	42,772	43,619	46,782	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	77,713	80,563	52,345	62,532	65,070	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do....	84,992	93,590	66,838	74,608	74,084	.....
Gas.....do....	57,390	63,751	43,708	51,030	50,125	.....
Oil.....do....	25,311	26,585	20,870	21,540	21,793	.....
Solid fuel.....do....	2,291	3,254	2,260	2,038	2,166	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do....	230,056	231,388	202,173	221,764	232,705	.....
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net mo. avg. shipments, 1947-49=100..	135.2	207.0	188.4	127.0	101.1	.....
Industrial trucks (electric), shipments:						
Hand (motorized).....number..	624	719	559	583	606	618
Rider-type.....do....	503	520	385	411	455	429
Industrial trucks and tractors (gasoline-powered), shipments.....number..	2,232	2,254	1,610	1,909	1,941	1,737
PAPER AND PRINTING						
Newsprint, Canada (including Newfoundland):						
Production.....thous. of short tons..	518.4	550.5	518.9	574.2	554.8	573.0
Shipments from mills.....do....	508.4	551.8	510.9	526.5	538.4	574.3
Stocks, at mills, end of month.....do....	142.2	141.0	153.1	200.8	217.3	216.0
Newsprint, United States:						
Production.....do....	138.3	149.0	150.7	164.4	162.4	171.2
Shipments from mills.....do....	136.3	149.6	151.6	161.2	162.6	172.5
Stocks, end of month:						
At mills.....do....	9.4	8.9	8.0	11.2	11.0	9.6
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number..	654,333	570,486	662,028	677,778	647,414	r639,923
Coaches, total.....do....	371	362	238	341	506	r499
Domestic.....do....	360	304	234	307	410	346
Passenger cars, total.....do....	552,881	474,010	570,023	585,734	541,733	r537,112
Domestic.....do....	529,945	459,070	556,930	569,242	526,310	522,759
Trucks, total.....do....	101,081	96,114	91,767	91,703	105,175	r102,312
Domestic.....do....	82,400	77,593	73,693	73,523	84,410	82,930

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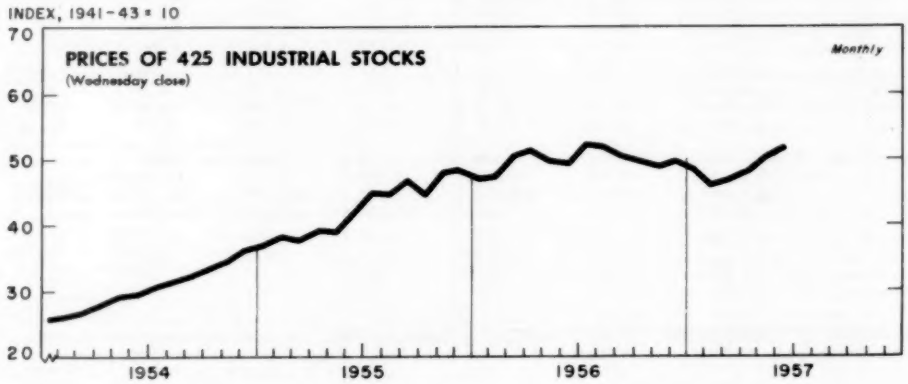

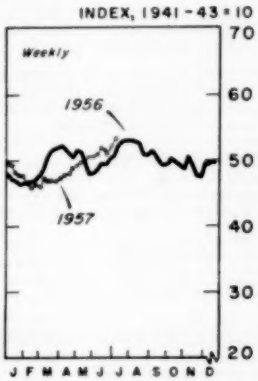

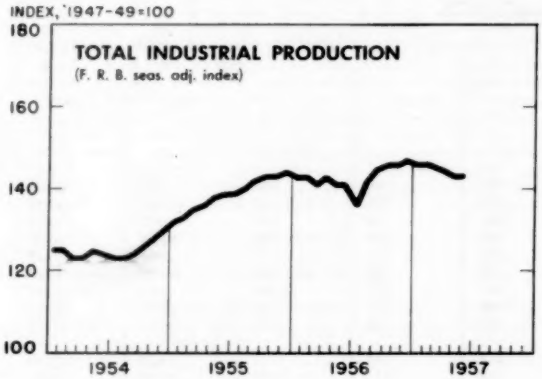

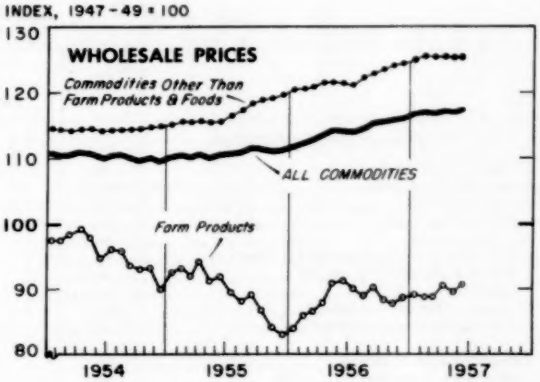

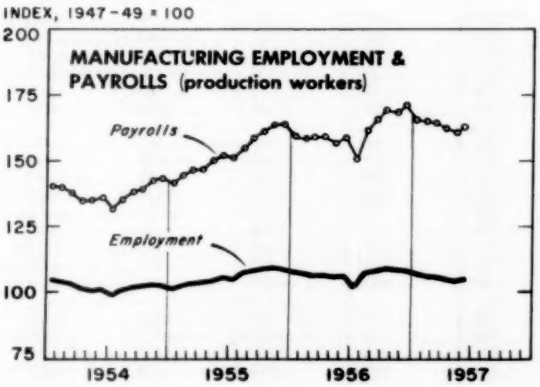

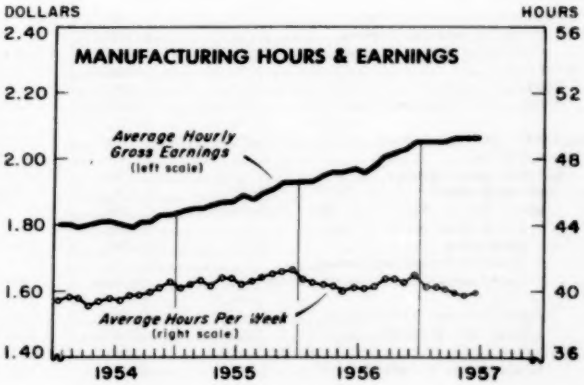

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	July 7	July 14	June 22	June 29	July 6	July 13
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.0	117.3	117.1	117.4	117.8
Farm products.....do....	.....	*90.0	90.7	90.2	90.4	91.5
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.2	105.2	105.1	105.7	106.6
All other.....do....	.....	*121.4	125.3	125.2	125.4	125.5
22 commodities 2/.....do....	87.5	88.4	89.3	89.9	90.1	90.2
Department store sales.....do....	90	99	119	107	94	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,317	1,358	1,304	1,242	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,211	1,237	1,220	1,160	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,765	30,923	30,904	30,849	31,146	31,313
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,685	25,903	25,424	25,294	25,387	25,792
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,902	19,040	19,148	19,171	18,865	19,308
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	472	755	592	568	346	581
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,248	55,346	56,276	55,729	54,376	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,988	21,916	23,491	23,607	23,558	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,521	85,132	87,670	86,972	88,219	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,559	26,349	25,633	24,917	26,296	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	28,843	28,734	32,463	32,525	32,329	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,591	8,619	8,675	8,667	8,651	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	208	251	241	271	190	256
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.48	3.49	4.18	4.21	4.24	4.23
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	47.32	48.69	47.72	47.09	48.46	49.05
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	50.63	52.20	51.53	50.92	52.49	53.15
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,881	1,405	1,733	2,102	1,875	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,391	10,878	12,337	12,111	11,056	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	79,671	133,773	141,084	150,000	87,733	135,296
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,086	7,084	7,238	7,190	6,952	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	302	317	2,181	2,150	2,009	2,015
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#12.3	#12.9	85.2	84.0	78.5	78.7
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	478	620	747	732	535	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	274	316	354	357	283	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning July 15, 1957: Production, 2,073 thous. short tons; operating rate, 81.0 percent. * Monthly index for July 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	141	141	148	144	143	p144
Manufactures.....do....	142	142	150	146	144	p145
Durable manufactures.....do....	157	156	166	163	159	p160
Primary metals.....do....	144	140	144	r140	r136	p134
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	167	166	184	179	174	p175
Fabricated metal products.....do....	130	132	138	r140	r136	p140
Machinery.....do....	168	167	177	r169	166	p167
Transportation equipment.....do....	189	188	228	222	r213	p211
Instruments and related products.....do....	163	163	174	r174	171	p172
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	117	118	119	r117	r115	p119
Lumber and products.....do....	125	129	112	117	r118	p121
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	162	163	153	r155	r157	p157
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	140	141	139	r136	r137	p138
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	128	128	133	r128	129	p130
Printing and publishing.....do....	136	134	144	143	143	.....
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	137	142	139	r137	r138	p140
Minerals.....do....	130	131	130	r130	r133	p133
Coal.....do....	85	84	88	84	83	p88
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	149	148	155	r154	r154	p151
Adjusted, combined index.....do....	141	141	145	r143	143	p143
Manufactures.....do....	143	142	147	145	145	p145
Durable manufactures.....do....	157	157	162	r160	r159	p160
Primary metals.....do....	141	136	137	r134	r133	p130
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	167	168	179	176	175	p176
Fabricated metal products.....do....	130	132	137	r140	r136	p140
Machinery.....do....	171	170	172	r166	r168	p170
Transportation equipment.....do....	187	188	222	217	r212	p211
Instruments and related products.....do....	164	163	173	r172	171	p172
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	123	122	118	121	r121	p122
Lumber and products.....do....	121	123	111	r113	r115	p116
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	162	161	r155	r155	r157	p155
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	143	144	137	r139	139	p141

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production, adjusted index (FRB) - Continued						
Manufactures - Continued						
Nondurable manufactures.....1947-49=100..	129	128	131	r129	130	p130
Printing and publishing.....do....	135	135	141	141	142	p142
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	140	140	141	142	r141	p138
Minerals.....do....	128	129	r132	r130	r131	p131
Coal.....do....	85	85	93	88	84	p89
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	149	149	r151	r150	r154	p152
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do....	124	124	142	r130	r124	p130
Major consumer durables.....do....	131	130	155	r140	r131	p140
Autos.....do....	127	127	171	155	144	p156
Major household goods.....do....	136	134	143	r128	r122	p128
Other consumer durables.....do....	108	109	111	r107	r106	p108
Adjusted index, total.....do....	125	123	134	r124	r124	p128
Major consumer durables.....do....	132	128	144	r131	r132	p137
Autos.....do....	118	120	159	141	139	p144
Major household goods.....do....	141	138	132	r124	r126	p132
Other consumer durables.....do....	110	110	111	r108	r108	p108
COMMODITY PRICES						
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S.Dept.of Commerce index)...1935-39=100..	209.8	211.9	214.7	214.9	215.4	.....
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	114.4	114.2	116.9	117.2	117.1	117.4
Economic sector:						
Crude materials for further processing.....do....	96.6	95.7	96.7	97.1	r96.5	98.9
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components....do....	122.2	121.7	124.9	125.0	r124.7	124.5
Finished goods.....do....	113.6	114.0	116.9	117.4	r117.4	117.6
Farm products.....do....	90.9	91.2	88.8	90.6	89.5	90.9
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do....	111.8	120.2	94.1	103.0	109.0	105.4
Grains.....do....	90.5	86.9	87.5	87.3	85.4	83.9
Livestock and live poultry.....do....	74.4	74.8	76.6	79.3	78.7	83.5
Foods, processed.....do....	102.4	102.3	103.7	104.3	r104.9	106.1
Cereal and bakery products.....do....	115.5	115.3	116.7	116.8	116.5	117.0
Dairy products and ice cream.....do....	107.9	108.0	111.3	111.4	110.7	108.1
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do....	109.3	109.7	105.9	104.9	r103.5	102.0
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	82.1	83.1	84.6	88.2	91.5	96.6
Commodities other than farm products and foods.....do....	121.7	121.5	125.4	125.4	r125.2	125.2
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	106.9	107.1	108.8	109.1	109.1	108.3
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do....	110.8	110.5	119.2	119.5	r118.5	117.7
Furniture, other household durables.....do....	118.0	118.1	121.9	121.5	r121.6	121.6
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	100.0	100.2	98.4	98.8	r99.0	100.0
Lumber and wood products.....do....	128.0	127.3	120.1	120.2	119.7	119.7
Machinery and motive products.....do....	136.5	136.8	144.8	145.0	r145.1	145.2
Metals and metal products.....do....	146.8	145.8	151.0	150.1	150.0	150.5
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do....	128.6	128.9	133.2	134.6	r135.0	988.1
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	127.3	127.4	128.7	128.6	128.9	129.0
Rubber and products.....do....	143.5	142.8	144.3	144.5	144.7	145.1
Textile products and apparel.....do....	94.9	94.9	95.4	95.3	95.4	95.5
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	121.6	121.6	124.1	124.5	124.5	124.6
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, privately and publicly owned.....thous..	113.7	107.4	r87.0	92.0	102.0	97.0
Privately owned, total.....do....	110.8	104.6	r79.3	89.5	96.0	92.0
In metropolitan areas.....do....	76.3	72.8	r55.8	62.3	66.7	64.2
Publicly owned.....do....	2.9	2.8	r7.7	2.5	6.0	5.0
Seasonally adjusted at annual rate:						
Privately owned, total.....do....	1,146.0	1,091.0	r933.0	940.0	r980.0	970.0
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Retail trade:						
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....mil. of dol..	24,450	23,510	24,340	24,510	24,430	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	11,490	10,860	11,040	11,220	11,170	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,960	12,650	13,300	13,290	13,260	.....
Adjusted, total.....do....	23,900	23,830	23,700	23,670	23,920	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	11,030	10,750	10,670	10,590	10,710	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,870	13,080	13,030	13,080	13,210	.....
Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:						
Unadjusted.....do....	3,277	3,434	3,276	3,412	3,551	.....
Adjusted.....do....	3,295	3,332	3,416	3,427	3,493	.....
Department store sales, United States total:						
Unadjusted index.....1947-49=100..	121	119	106	122	p123	p122
Adjusted index.....do....	122	124	127	122	p125	p127
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	10,650	10,500	10,380	r10,430	10,740	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	3,790	3,790	3,510	3,560	3,710	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,860	6,710	6,870	6,860	7,040	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	12,500	12,370	13,140	12,960	12,740	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	6,760	6,710	6,960	6,950	6,900	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	5,740	5,660	6,180	6,010	5,840	.....

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census): 1/						
Civilian labor force, total.....thousands..	67,846	69,430	66,746	66,951	67,893	69,842
Employed.....do....	65,238	66,503	63,865	64,261	65,178	66,504
Agricultural employment.....do....	7,146	7,876	5,434	5,755	6,659	7,534
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	58,092	58,627	58,431	58,506	58,519	58,970
Unemployed.....do....	2,608	2,927	2,882	2,690	2,715	3,337
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Department of Labor).....do....	51,578	r52,135	51,894	r52,245	r52,420	p52,727
Manufacturing.....do....	16,730	r16,825	16,933	r16,822	r16,748	p16,826
Mining.....do....	806	r833	831	833	r836	p851
Contract construction.....do....	2,970	r3,237	2,756	r2,906	r3,080	p3,210
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	4,149	r4,191	4,147	r4,153	r4,157	p4,170
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	11,126	r11,236	11,265	r11,428	r11,401	p11,448
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,299	r2,328	2,310	r2,320	r2,331	p2,357
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	6,282	r6,320	6,317	r6,432	r6,511	p6,547
Government.....do....	7,216	r7,165	7,335	r7,351	r7,356	p7,318
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Total.....do....	13,063	r13,108	13,085	r12,960	r12,886	p12,935
Durable-goods industries.....do....	7,648	r7,636	7,693	r7,635	r7,587	p7,575
Ordnance and accessories.....do....	83	83	79	78	r76	p76
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	683	r713	593	r612	r635	p659
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	313	r312	312	r312	308	p311
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	473	r477	451	r455	456	p455
Primary metal industries.....do....	1,118	r1,119	1,112	r1,101	1,090	p1,091
Fabricated metal products.....do....	882	r871	898	889	r883	p882
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	1,280	r1,274	1,291	1,277	r1,255	p1,233
Electrical machinery.....do....	866	r862	869	853	r845	p846
Transportation equipment.....do....	1,324	r1,299	1,474	r1,446	r1,431	p1,413
Instruments and related products.....do....	228	r229	231	r230	227	p225
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	5,415	r5,472	5,392	r5,325	r5,299	5,360
Food and kindred products.....do....	1,042	r1,094	989	r990	r1,005	p1,045
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	78	r78	77	74	73	p73
Textile-mill products.....do....	969	r966	929	r919	r913	p911
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1,046	r1,050	1,098	r1,069	r1,038	p1,050
Paper and allied products.....do....	464	r467	467	467	r465	p471
Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do....	547	r549	559	r559	r556	p559
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	556	r549	550	r549	r546	p538
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	172	175	173	r173	r175	p179
Rubber products.....do....	211	r203	211	r191	r205	p201
Leather and leather products.....do....	331	r340	341	334	r325	p333
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	105.6	r106.0	105.8	r104.8	r104.2	p104.6
Adjusted.....do....	107.1	r106.5	106.0	r105.9	r105.7	p105.1
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	156.4	r158.5	164.3	r161.5	r160.9	p163.1
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing...hours..	40.0	40.2	40.1	39.8	39.7	p39.9
Durable-goods industries.....do....	40.8	40.8	40.8	40.5	40.2	p40.5
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	39.0	39.2	39.1	r38.9	r38.9	p39.1
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	78.40	79.19	82.21	r81.59	81.78	p82.59
Durable-goods industries.....do....	84.86	85.27	88.94	88.29	r87.64	p88.70
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	70.20	70.95	73.12	r72.74	r73.13	p73.90
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	1.96	1.97	2.05	r2.05	2.06	p2.07
Durable-goods industries.....do....	2.08	2.09	2.18	2.18	r2.18	p2.19
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	1.80	1.81	1.87	1.87	1.88	p1.89

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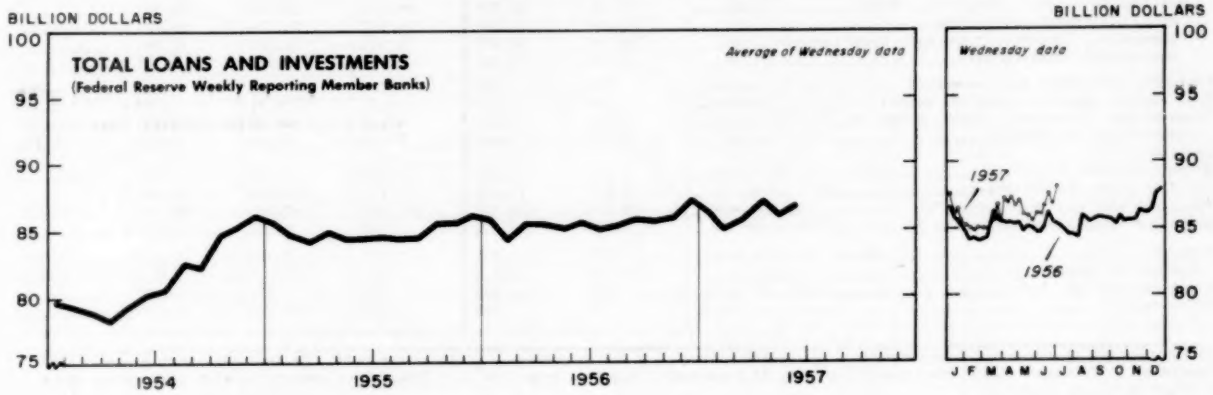

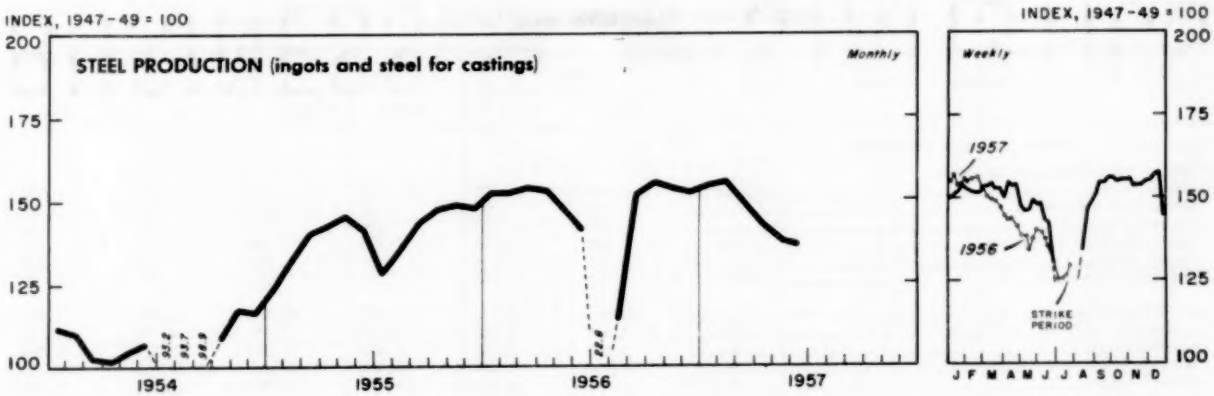

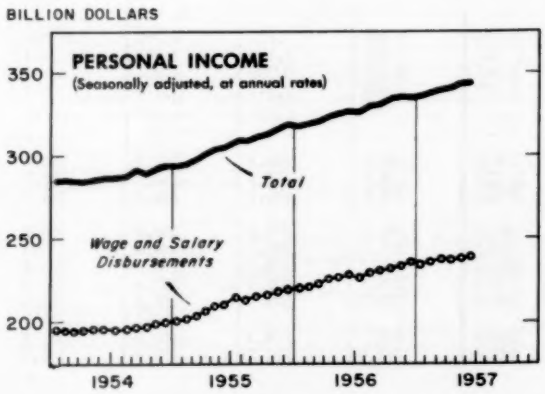

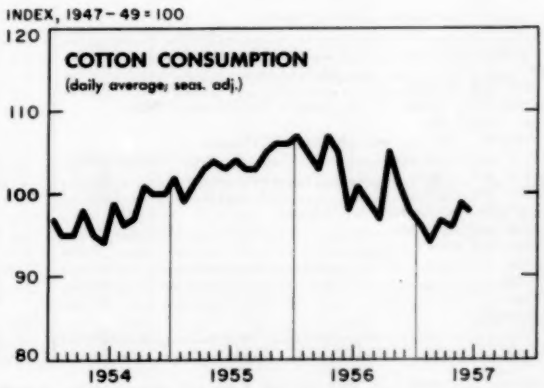

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	July 14	July 21	June 29	July 6	July 13	July 20
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.0	.....	.....	117.7	118.0
Farm products.....do....	.....	*90.0	.....	.....	91.5	92.7
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.2	.....	.....	106.4	107.2
All other.....do....	.....	*121.4	.....	.....	125.4	125.4
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.4	88.8	89.9	90.1	90.2	90.3
Department store sales.....do....	99	96	107	94	104	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,358	1,331	1,243	1,369	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,237	1,203	1,160	1,283	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,923	30,808	30,849	31,146	31,313	31,183
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,903	25,769	25,294	25,387	25,792	25,641
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,040	18,869	19,171	18,865	19,308	19,200
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	755	629	568	346	563	515
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,346	55,774	55,729	54,307	54,750	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,916	21,870	23,607	23,560	23,568	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,132	84,905	86,972	88,204	87,581	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,349	26,264	24,917	26,310	26,020	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	28,734	28,657	32,525	32,310	32,186	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,619	8,627	8,667	8,649	8,645	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	251	223	271	190	256	266
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.49	3.49	4.21	4.24	4.23	4.25
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	48.69	49.30	47.09	48.46	49.05	48.58
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	52.20	52.93	50.92	52.49	53.15	52.61
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,405	1,508	2,102	1,875	1,442	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,878	11,125	12,111	11,056	11,964	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	133,773	135,122	150,000	87,733	134,553	139,915
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,084	7,111	7,190	6,952	6,882	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	317	377	2,150	2,009	2,015	2,030
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#12.9	#15.3	84.0	78.5	78.7	79.3
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	620	648	732	535	692	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	316	319	357	283	325	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning July 22, 1957: Production, 2,079 thous. short tons; operating rate, 81.2 percent. *Monthly index for July 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....number..	1,164	1,105	1,336	1,175	1,200	1,084
Commercial service.....do....	94	93	99	118	82	93
Construction.....do....	132	163	205	172	181	164
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	245	183	239	190	205	179
Retail trade.....do....	575	551	672	580	600	553
Wholesale trade.....do....	118	115	121	115	132	95
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	59,901	43,013	55,833	57,103	52,552	51,454
Commercial service.....do....	3,619	3,588	3,833	3,878	4,728	3,551
Construction.....do....	8,877	8,598	10,424	9,090	10,820	10,066
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	28,450	10,684	17,760	16,286	14,888	12,966
Retail trade.....do....	13,242	12,812	17,816	15,994	15,686	17,715
Wholesale trade.....do....	5,713	7,331	6,000	11,855	6,430	7,156
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: 1/						
Total.....thous. of sq. yd..	8,513	7,876	9,582	7,816	9,772	11,086
Airports.....do....	1,084	720	3,023	1,172	2,284	1,917
Roads.....do....	3,873	4,346	4,660	3,702	4,209	6,151
Streets and alleys.....do....	3,557	2,810	1,899	2,941	3,279	3,017
Construction cost index (E. H. Boeckh and Associates):						
Average, 20 cities:						
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	276.8	278.0	283.5	284.3	286.3	288.3
Brick and steel.....do....	272.5	273.7	278.8	279.1	280.7	282.7
Brick and wood.....do....	275.4	276.1	278.4	278.9	280.3	281.7
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do....	285.3	286.6	292.4	293.5	295.9	297.8
Brick and steel.....do....	282.2	283.5	291.6	292.3	294.4	296.4
Brick and wood.....do....	273.8	274.6	278.2	278.7	280.2	281.6
Frame.....do....	275.4	275.9	275.4	275.9	277.4	278.7
Steel.....do....	266.2	267.5	278.7	279.1	280.4	282.6
Residences:						
Brick.....do....	276.1	276.8	278.7	279.3	280.8	282.2
Frame.....do....	269.9	270.4	270.9	271.3	272.6	273.9

1/ Data for May 1956 and 1957 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Television advertising:						
Cost of facilities, total.....thous. of dol..	40,610	38,243	43,653	r41,222	43,469	.....
Automotive, including accessories.....do....	5,425	4,642	4,470	3,929	4,310	.....
Drugs and toiletries.....do....	10,086	10,094	11,984	11,125	11,810	.....
Foods, soft drinks, confectionery.....do....	8,155	7,958	9,295	8,761	9,294	.....
Soaps, cleansers, etc.....do....	5,125	4,991	5,583	5,825	6,309	.....
Smoking materials.....do....	3,087	3,214	3,789	3,810	3,901	.....
Magazine advertising:						
Cost, total.....do....	72,961	59,946	67,898	81,439	73,441	.....
Apparel and accessories.....do....	5,510	3,365	4,904	6,206	5,544	.....
Automotive, including accessories.....do....	6,685	6,175	5,607	7,053	6,840	.....
Building materials.....do....	4,560	3,389	3,557	5,145	4,453	.....
Drugs and toiletries.....do....	6,111	5,909	6,002	7,028	6,332	.....
Foods, soft drinks, confectionery.....do....	7,847	7,179	8,883	9,058	7,681	.....
Beer, wine, liquors.....do....	3,149	2,714	3,117	3,696	3,054	.....
Household equipment and supplies.....do....	5,465	4,919	3,976	5,246	4,931	.....
Household furnishings.....do....	4,054	2,042	2,590	4,126	3,998	.....
Industrial materials.....do....	6,627	5,517	5,795	6,147	6,258	.....
Soaps, cleansers, etc.....do....	1,368	843	1,441	1,526	1,298	.....
Smoking materials.....do....	1,655	1,562	2,017	1,923	1,561	.....
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	7,107	12,598	12,145	6,142	7,759	p12,779
Receipts, net.....do....	5,050	11,601	10,737	4,256	5,282	p11,648
Customs.....do....	63	57	66	65	64	p58
Income and employment taxes.....do....	5,780	11,255	10,887	4,799	6,403	p11,364
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....do....	1,014	967	1,063	1,008	1,146	p964
All other receipts.....do....	251	319	129	270	147	p392
Expenditures.....do....	5,467	6,937	5,584	5,987	5,944	p6,190
Interest on public debt.....do....	561	602	601	604	604	p646
All other expenditures.....do....	4,906	6,334	4,983	5,383	5,340	p5,544
Life insurance (Institute of Life Insurance):						
Assets, total, all U. S. life insurance companies mil. of dol..	92,478	92,876	97,074	97,488	97,868	.....
Bonds (book value), domestic and foreign, total.....do....	48,212	48,279	49,564	49,767	49,899	.....
U. S. Government.....do....	7,986	7,921	7,427	7,430	7,340	.....
State, county, municipal (U. S.).....do....	2,140	2,148	2,251	2,264	2,290	.....
Public utility (U. S.).....do....	13,707	13,762	14,110	14,157	14,182	.....
Railroad (U. S.).....do....	3,850	3,854	3,840	3,838	3,843	.....
Industrial and miscellaneous (U. S.).....do....	18,002	18,059	19,204	19,314	19,442	.....
Stocks (book value), domestic and foreign, total....do....	2,974	2,964	2,941	2,951	2,958	.....
Preferred (U. S.).....do....	1,725	1,726	1,628	1,629	1,630	.....
Common (U. S.).....do....	1,237	1,226	1,294	1,303	1,309	.....
Mortgage loans, total.....do....	30,991	31,284	33,672	33,840	34,022	.....
Nonfarm.....do....	28,612	28,884	31,179	31,334	31,498	.....
Real estate.....do....	2,646	2,673	2,883	2,907	2,948	.....
Policy loans and premium notes.....do....	3,385	3,409	3,575	3,606	3,633	.....
Cash.....do....	1,086	1,078	1,056	1,080	1,058	.....
Other assets.....do....	3,184	3,189	3,383	3,337	3,350	.....
Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries, estimated total.....mil. of dol..	r498.1	466.0	575.8	560.8	551.5	.....
Death benefits.....do....	212.3	185.8	223.8	228.1	233.6	.....
Matured endowments.....do....	55.9	52.6	68.5	63.5	63.2	.....
Disability payments.....do....	9.6	8.9	10.0	9.8	9.4	.....
Annuity payments.....do....	41.7	41.5	45.8	44.1	44.6	.....
Surrender values.....do....	86.4	81.0	108.3	110.6	108.7	.....
Policy dividends.....do....	r92.2	96.2	119.4	104.7	92.0	.....
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural), prod.....thous. of lb..	44,221	46,410	41,136	32,738	38,895	.....
Acetic anhydride, production.....do....	77,102	74,232	76,985	64,305	61,546	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin), production.....do....	1,453	1,731	1,208	1,570	1,473	.....
Alcohol, ethyl:						
Production.....thous. of proof gal..	45,901	43,755	35,429	33,631	33,444	.....
Stocks, total.....do....	35,364	38,165	29,418	28,051	26,510	.....
In industrial alcohol bonded warehouses.....do....	25,638	25,853	20,791	16,734	17,530	.....
In denaturing plants.....do....	9,726	12,311	8,626	9,317	8,980	.....
Used for denaturation.....do....	45,529	41,375	35,253	35,275	33,510	.....
Withdrawn tax-paid.....do....	858	1,033	834	736	1,044	.....
Alcohol, denatured:						
Production.....thous. of wine gal..	24,464	22,346	19,040	19,047	18,133	.....
Consumption (withdrawals).....do....	24,854	24,387	20,365	19,886	19,043	.....
Stocks.....do....	8,810	6,855	11,064	9,746	8,181	.....
Creosote oil, production.....thous. of gal..	10,165	11,400	9,796	10,414	11,052	.....
DDT, production.....thous. of lb..	13,712	12,100	11,522	11,766	12,880	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%), production.....do....	7,204	5,398	6,371	7,420	6,061	.....
Ethylene glycol, production.....do....	80,050	85,686	89,577	97,156	98,873	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO), production.....do....	116,444	112,656	111,620	105,163	104,614	.....
Methanol, production:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	199	194	197	193	.....	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do....	17,814	19,386	18,701	16,647	16,329	.....
Phthalic anhydride, production.....thous. of lb..	24,507	22,919	27,080	30,226	31,444	.....

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	May	June	March	April	May	June
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Continued						
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	3,481	4,055	4,253	3,823	3,658	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	7,458	7,254	8,289	7,168	7,672	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	569	487	379	357	412	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do....	489	407	500	528	466	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	41,746	40,607	39,816	r35,442	39,251	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	50,480	44,023	51,041	r48,871	48,598	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	23,455	25,083	25,910	r24,217	23,971	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	63,977	54,796	70,419	r67,640	71,363	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	31,968	29,643	31,879	r32,382	34,715	.....
Rosin modifications.....do....	11,493	10,540	9,951	10,508	11,749	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	7,289	6,212	8,618	8,961	8,525	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	47,010	45,634	56,587	51,793	56,170	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	14,512	13,170	15,428	r15,710	15,118	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Steel forgings (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, total.....thous. of short tons..	551.3	539.6	517.0	496.9	479.2	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	150.6	143.4	145.8	139.0	135.3	.....
Drop and upset.....do....	112.0	103.4	107.9	103.4	100.8	.....
Pig iron:						
Production.....do....	r6,922	r6,435	7,247	6,871	6,945	6,660
Consumption.....do....	6,792	6,319	r6,894	r6,559	p6,565	.....
Stocks (consumers' and suppliers'), end of month.....do....	2,292	2,315	r2,439	r2,524	p2,670	.....
Aluminum shipments:						
Mill products and pig and ingot (net).....mil. of lb..	377.3	332.3	343.9	r338.9	342.8	.....
Mill products, total.....do....	264.3	240.6	229.8	r238.2	249.0	.....
Plate and sheet.....do....	r147.6	132.5	120.1	126.8	130.0	.....
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton: 1/						
Consumption.....bales..	713,289	809,814	690,627	807,979	672,756	649,700
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....thousands..	r20,800	r20,454	19,985	19,929	19,781	19,740
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	r19,281	r18,918	18,457	18,365	18,246	18,174
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total...mil. of hr..	r9,803	r11,457	9,400	11,281	9,223	9,088
Average per working day.....do....	r490	458	470	451	461	454
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	r9,143	r10,662	8,731	10,461	8,533	8,396
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:						
Freight cars:						
Shipments, total.....number..	6,723	5,607	9,772	8,961	8,902	8,568
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	4,549	3,318	5,611	5,198	5,202	4,820
Domestic.....do....	4,493	3,261	5,611	5,198	5,124	4,629
Railroad shops, domestic.....do....	2,174	2,289	4,161	3,763	3,700	3,748
Passenger cars, equipment manufacturers:						
Orders unfilled, end of month, total.....do....	740	758	826	825	789	738
Domestic.....do....	720	737	739	732	727	722
Shipments, total.....do....	53	40	6	11	41	65
Domestic.....do....	44	36	3	7	6	17

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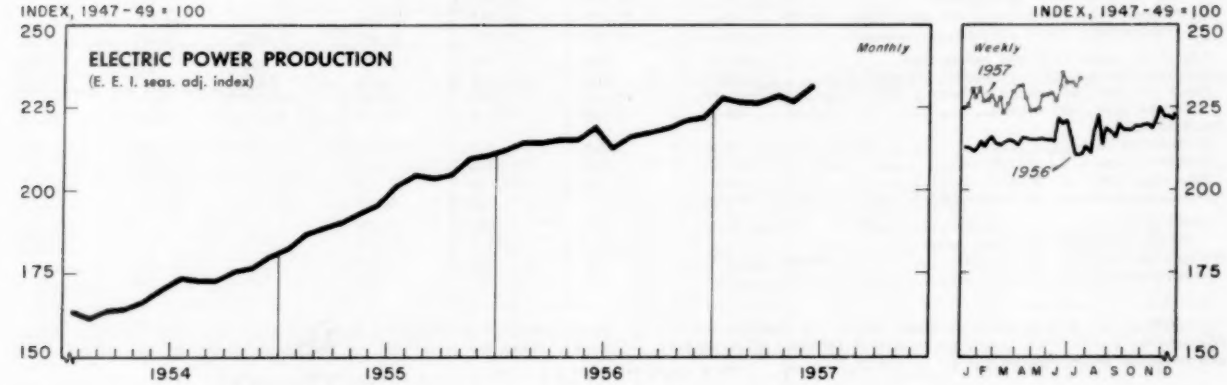

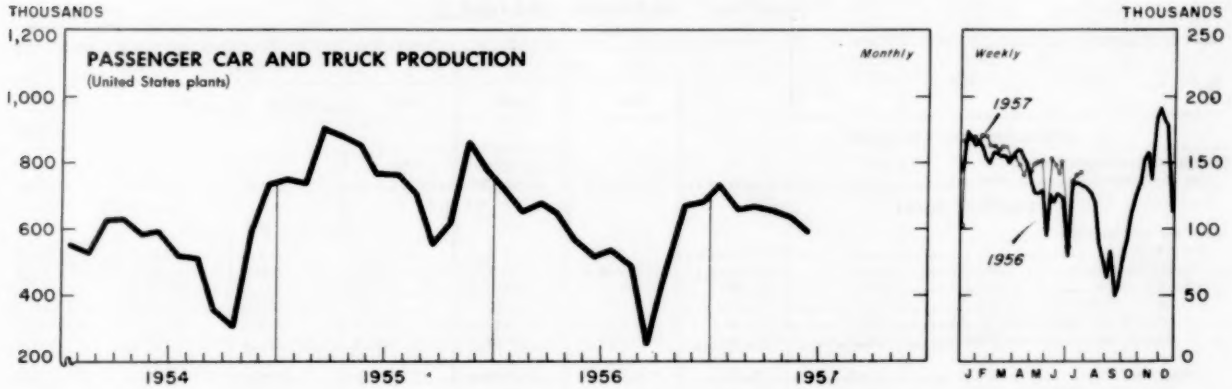

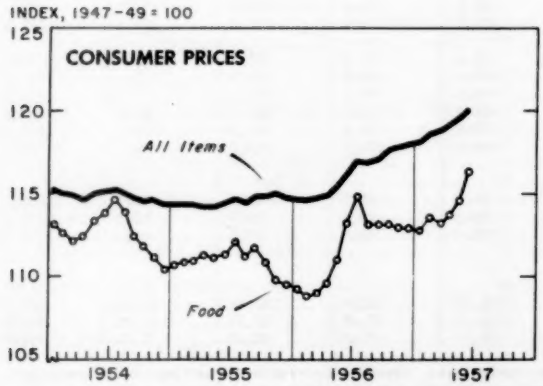

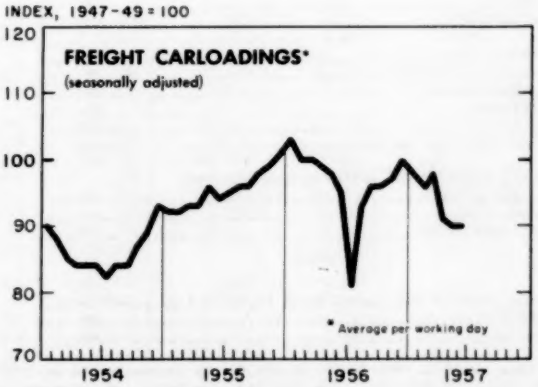

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	July 21	July 28	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.0	.....	117.7	118.0	118.0
Farm products.....do....	.....	*90.0	.....	91.5	92.9	93.4
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.2	.....	106.4	107.1	106.6
All other.....do....	.....	*121.4	.....	125.4	125.5	125.5
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.8	88.6	90.1	90.2	90.3	90.0
Department store sales.....do....	96	97	94	104	101	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,331	1,286	1,384	1,440	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,203	1,153	1,283	1,338	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,808	30,632	31,146	31,313	31,183	30,999
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,769	25,393	25,387	25,792	25,641	25,456
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,869	18,744	18,865	19,308	19,200	19,189
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	629	557	346	563	515	567
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,774	56,114	54,307	54,750	55,167	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,870	21,893	23,560	23,568	23,608	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,905	84,515	88,204	87,581	87,090	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,264	26,050	26,310	26,020	25,642	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	28,657	28,623	32,310	32,186	32,070	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,627	8,651	8,649	8,645	8,657	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	223	274	190	256	266	228
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.49	3.52	4.24	4.23	4.25	4.28
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	49.30	49.44	48.46	49.05	48.58	48.61
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	52.93	52.96	52.49	53.15	52.61	52.65
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,508	1,515	1,875	1,452	1,680	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,125	11,295	11,056	11,964	12,306	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	135,122	132,673	87,733	134,553	139,198	141,523
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,111	7,086	6,952	6,882	6,947	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	377	419	2,009	2,015	2,030	2,033
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#15.3	#17.0	78.5	78.7	79.3	79.4
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	648	650	535	692	743	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	319	321	283	325	336	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning July 29, 1957: Production, 2,103 thous. short tons; operating rate, 82.2 percent. * Monthly index for July 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Business incorporations:						
New incorporations (48 States).....number..	13,142	11,952	11,815	12,078	11,986	11,154
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index:						
All items.....1947-49=100..	115.4	116.2	118.9	119.3	119.6	1/120.2
Apparel.....do....	104.8	104.8	106.8	106.5	106.5	106.6
Food.....do....	111.0	113.2	113.2	113.8	114.6	116.2
Dairy products.....do....	107.5	107.7	110.7	110.5	110.0	110.0
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	121.5	131.4	116.1	118.7	122.5	126.8
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	95.5	98.0	100.6	102.0	103.7	106.9
Housing.....do....	120.9	121.4	124.9	125.2	125.3	125.5
Gas and electricity.....do....	111.8	111.7	112.4	112.4	112.3	112.3
Housefurnishings.....do....	102.6	102.8	104.9	105.1	104.2	104.6
Rent.....do....	132.2	132.5	134.4	134.5	134.7	135.0
Medical care.....do....	131.9	132.0	136.4	136.9	137.3	137.9
Personal care.....do....	119.6	119.9	122.9	123.3	123.4	124.2
Reading and recreation.....do....	108.2	107.6	110.5	111.8	111.4	111.8
Transportation.....do....	127.1	126.8	135.1	135.5	135.3	135.3
Private.....do....	117.1	116.7	125.2	125.5	125.4	125.4
Public.....do....	172.5	172.6	175.8	176.8	176.8	176.8
Other goods and services.....do....	121.5	121.8	124.2	124.2	124.3	124.6
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....do....	87.4	87.6	85.5	85.3	85.4	2/85.2
Consumer prices.....do....	86.7	86.1	84.1	83.8	83.6	2/83.2
Retail food prices.....do....	90.1	88.3	88.3	87.9	87.3	2/86.1
FINANCE						
Bonds:						
Average price of all listed bonds (N.Y.S.E.) 3/....dollars..	96.48	96.39	93.41	92.48	91.62	90.10
Domestic.....do....	96.75	96.65	93.65	92.72	91.85	90.32
Foreign.....do....	78.23	78.79	77.04	76.62	78.23	77.28

1/ Index based on 1935-39=100 is 201.0. 2/ Indexes based on 1935-39=100 are as follows: Measured by--wholesale prices, 44.6; consumer prices, 49.8; retail food, 42.6. 3/ Includes bonds for International Bank for Reconstruction and Development not shown separately.

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
FINANCE - Continued						
Bonds - Continued						
Value, issues listed on New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value, all issues 1/.....mil. of dol..	104,115	104,289	101,605	100,657	100,061	98,483
Domestic.....do....	102,227	102,394	99,784	98,847	98,060	96,509
Foreign.....do....	1,259	1,270	1,228	1,227	1,351	1,335
Face value, all issues.....do....	107,910	108,199	108,769	108,845	109,208	109,299
Domestic.....do....	105,656	105,942	106,548	106,613	106,765	106,855
Foreign.....do....	1,609	1,612	1,595	1,602	1,727	1,728
Stocks:						
Cash dividend payments publicly reported:						
Total dividend payments.....do....	288.9	1,623.3	1,670.7	762.3	300.0	1,679.0
Finance.....do....	56.9	109.1	107.7	133.4	62.4	107.2
Manufacturing.....do....	130.1	1,078.3	1,129.1	272.0	130.6	1,120.6
Mining.....do....	2.1	128.7	127.5	8.1	2.6	125.7
Public utilities:						
Communications.....do....	1.2	41.0	42.0	140.7	1.3	41.7
Electric and gas.....do....	75.8	122.8	119.0	107.2	81.2	132.6
Railroad.....do....	7.2	66.0	74.4	27.0	3.4	73.9
Trade.....do....	9.4	50.4	45.0	63.6	11.5	51.2
Miscellaneous.....do....	6.2	27.0	26.0	10.3	7.0	26.1
Shares listed on New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value, all listed shares.....do....	211,896	218,579	212,329	221,595	228,585	227,928
Number of shares listed.....millions..	4,123	4,260	4,570	4,587	4,656	4,678
ELECTRIC POWER						
Sales to ultimate customers, total (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. of kw.-hr..	*r43,906	**r43,179	46,167	45,671	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial:						
Small light and power.....do....	*6,893	**6,776	7,440	7,324	.....	.....
Large light and power.....do....	*r22,930	**r22,731	23,509	23,679	.....	.....
Railways and railroads.....do....	*405	**380	379	361	.....	.....
Residential or domestic.....do....	*11,541	**11,038	12,618	11,970	.....	.....
Rural (district rural rates).....do....	*778	**955	773	922	.....	.....
Street and highway lighting.....do....	*398	**362	429	393	.....	.....
Other public authorities.....do....	*910	**888	965	969	.....	.....
Interdepartmental.....do....	*51	**49	54	53	.....	.....
Revenue from sales to ultimate customers (Edison Electric Institute).....thous. of dol..	*r712,949	**r702,697	762,232	751,690	.....	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Meats:						
Production, total.....mil. of lb..	1,942.2	1,865.5	1,932.0	1,866.0	1,963.0	1,721.3
Beef and veal.....do....	1,006.2	1,001.8	918.1	906.1	999.1	904.7
Lamb and mutton.....do....	47.3	46.2	49.5	50.6	52.6	46.7
Pork, including lard.....do....	888.7	817.5	964.4	909.2	911.3	770.0
Lard.....do....	174.1	159.1	190.8	182.1	186.3	154.2
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins..	701	644	813	r744	800	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips..	2,382	2,093	2,164	2,114	2,159	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	2,547	2,068	1,951	1,959	2,005	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,505	2,222	2,359	r2,369	2,453	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Iron and steel scrap:						
Production and receipts, total.....thous. of short tons..	7,586	6,595	7,110	r6,524	p6,376	.....
Home scrap produced.....do....	3,947	3,677	3,959	r3,764	p3,849	.....
Purchased scrap received (net).....do....	3,639	2,918	3,151	r2,759	p2,527	.....
Consumption, total.....do....	7,271	6,714	7,049	r6,514	p6,443	.....
Stocks, consumers', end of month.....do....	7,054	6,934	7,361	r7,376	p7,307	.....
Barrels and drums, steel, heavy types (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....thousands..	2,334	2,502	2,444	2,326	2,285	.....
Shipments.....do....	2,469	2,659	2,179	2,160	2,207	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	69	65	68	78	77	.....
Radiators and convectors, cast iron:						
Shipments.....thous. of sq. ft..	1,577	1,618	1,803	1,723	1,507	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	6,912	7,519	4,750	4,887	5,435	.....
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....number..	51,650	66,498	43,619	46,782	46,081	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	80,563	75,128	62,532	65,070	73,106	.....
Stoves and ranges, domestic cooking, excluding electrical:						
Shipments, total.....number..	178,069	179,899	178,695	164,877	152,657	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	4,159	4,154	4,000	4,716	4,669	.....
Gas (including bungalow and combination).....do....	166,627	169,539	163,668	153,207	140,339	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	7,283	6,206	11,027	6,954	7,649	.....
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total.....do....	166,167	206,637	105,041	103,585	143,356	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	18,511	24,269	9,870	14,232	17,406	.....
Gas.....do....	99,159	132,474	43,011	55,323	78,250	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	48,497	49,894	41,160	34,030	47,700	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do....	93,590	104,167	74,608	74,084	73,906	.....
Gas.....do....	63,751	70,204	51,030	50,125	50,208	.....
Oil.....do....	26,585	30,434	21,540	21,793	21,946	.....
Solid fuel.....do....	3,254	3,529	2,038	2,166	1,752	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do....	231,388	236,758	221,764	232,705	228,198	.....

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METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Continued						
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net mo. avg. shipments, 1947-49=100..	207.0	156.7	127.0	101.1	136.2	.....
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:						
Electric processing.....thous. of dol..	2,035	2,555	1,809	1,089	1,279	1,261
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	1,178	1,432	6,794	1,665	2,048	1,320
Machine tools (metal-cutting):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	87.10	61.85	58.90	51.30	r41.40	p42.85
Domestic.....do....	79.45	55.65	51.30	45.70	r37.95	p39.85
Shipments, total.....do....	76.80	76.25	89.10	87.80	r78.50	p83.05
Domestic.....do....	70.50	69.55	78.80	77.65	r70.90	p72.90
Estimated backlog.....months..	8.2	7.8	5.5	5.0	4.6	p4.2
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	326.0	248.3	312.7	281.6	231.2	207.3
Washers, domestic, sales billed 1/.....do....	315.2	340.2	286.2	230.7	254.2	282.3
PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING						
Wood pulp:						
Production, total, all grades.....thous. of short tons..	1,954.4	1,863.9	1,893.7	r1,840.4	1,897.1	.....
Dissolving and special alpha.....do....	87.8	79.5	92.0	93.9	93.2	.....
Sulfate.....do....	1,069.2	1,026.8	1,037.3	993.1	1,047.5	.....
Sulfite.....do....	229.1	219.1	220.9	225.5	211.1	.....
Groundwood.....do....	268.0	256.4	267.2	r263.6	261.7	.....
Defibrated or exploded.....do....	106.3	102.1	96.7	r95.4	95.6	.....
Soda, semichem., screenings, damaged, etc.....do....	194.0	180.2	179.6	r168.8	188.0	.....
Stocks, end of month, total, all mills.....do....	797.6	813.2	869.8	r859.8	883.3	.....
Pulp mills.....do....	190.5	200.4	206.9	209.2	221.6	.....
Paper and board mills.....do....	504.9	518.2	561.1	r544.0	557.1	.....
Nonpaper mills.....do....	102.2	100.6	101.8	106.6	104.5	.....
All paper and board mills, production:						
Paper and board, total.....do....	r2,762	2,655	2,655	2,602	2,674	.....
Paper.....do....	r1,197	1,165	1,183	1,169	1,181	.....
Paperboard.....do....	1,274	1,210	1,224	1,180	1,236	.....
Wet-machine board.....do....	13	13	13	13	14	.....
Construction paper and board.....do....	r278	267	235	240	243	.....
Newsprint, United States:						
Consumption by publishers.....do....	464.1	422.4	463.3	442.3	466.0	433.9
Stocks, end of month:						
At publishers.....do....	348.7	376.1	580.2	592.6	589.7	585.6
In transit to publishers.....do....	98.5	112.2	107.8	100.9	96.5	101.8
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS						
Glass containers:						
Production.....thous. of gross..	12,376	12,567	12,617	11,695	12,505	12,747
Shipments.....do....	11,962	11,988	11,109	11,021	12,611	12,081
Stocks, end of month.....do....	15,825	16,130	17,318	17,793	17,439	17,860
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Rayon and acetate:						
Production:						
Filament yarn.....mil. of lb..	63.9	54.9	63.9	63.6	62.2	56.7
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	32.0	31.6	34.2	34.6	34.1	30.4
Stocks, producers', end of month, total.....do....	110.6	118.9	111.3	116.7	r122.7	125.3
Filament yarn.....do....	61.0	64.0	62.6	64.3	r67.2	69.4
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	49.6	54.9	48.7	52.4	55.5	55.9

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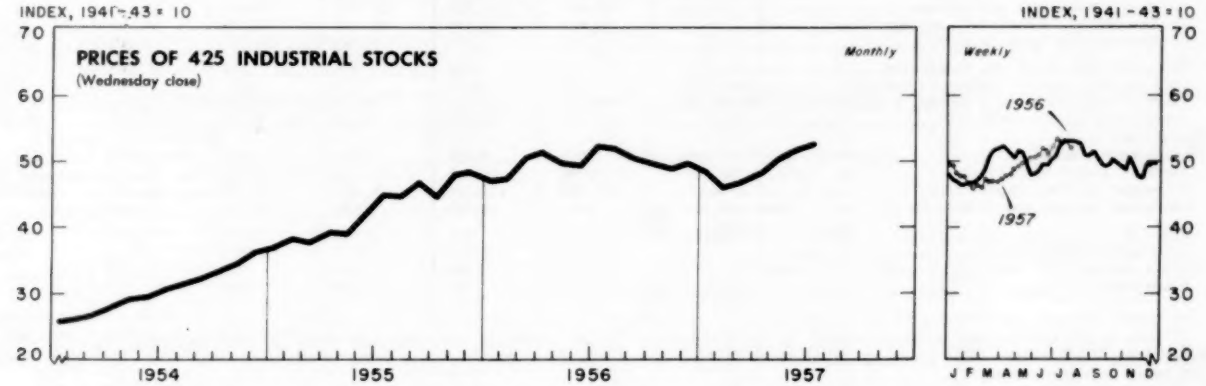

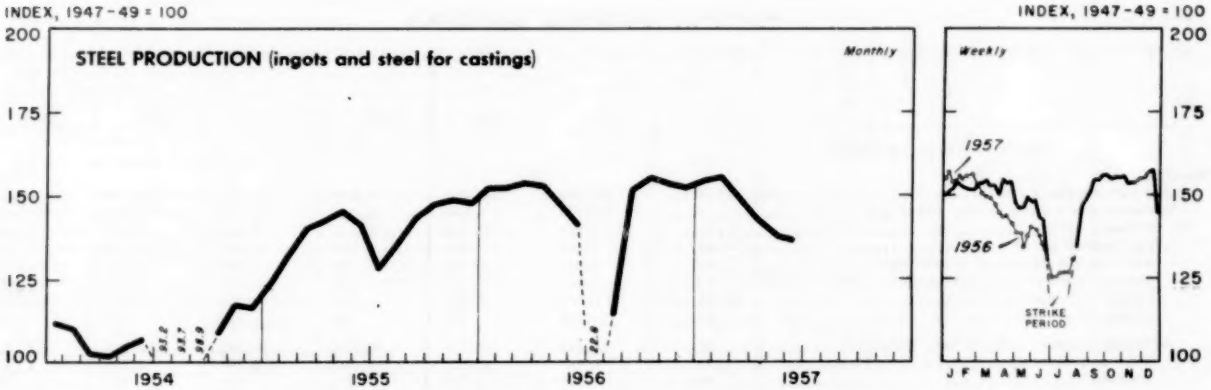

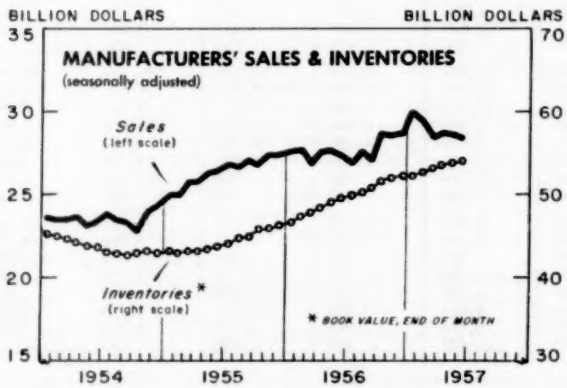

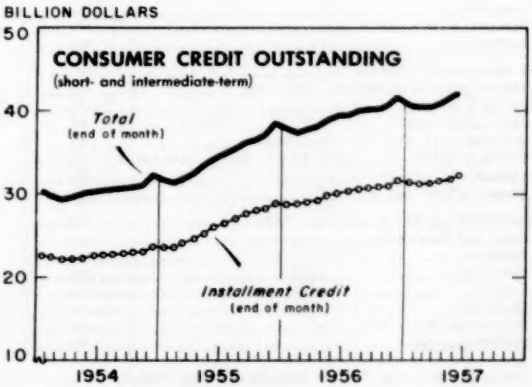

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	July 28	Aug. 4	July 13	July 20	July 27	Aug. 3
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.0	117.7	118.0	118.0	117.9
Farm products.....do....	.....	*90.0	91.5	92.9	93.4	92.8
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.2	106.4	107.1	106.6	106.1
All other.....do....	.....	*121.4	125.4	125.5	125.5	125.5
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.6	89.4	90.2	90.3	90.0	90.2
Department store sales.....do....	97	104	104	101	101	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,286	1,246	1,441	1,381	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,153	1,113	1,338	1,279	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,632	30,575	31,313	31,183	30,999	30,909
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,393	25,172	25,792	25,641	25,456	24,932
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,744	18,591	19,308	19,200	19,189	18,885
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	557	476	563	515	567	352
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,114	55,556	54,750	55,167	55,570	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,893	21,904	23,568	23,608	23,599	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,515	84,609	87,581	87,090	86,244	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,050	25,978	26,020	25,642	25,223	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	28,623	28,734	32,186	32,070	31,783	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,651	8,671	8,645	8,657	8,666	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	274	282	256	266	228	281
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.52	3.55	4.23	4.25	4.28	4.31
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	49.44	49.42	49.05	48.58	48.61	47.91
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	52.96	52.92	53.15	52.61	52.65	51.88
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,515	1,534	1,452	1,657	1,687	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,295	11,190	11,964	12,306	12,243	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	132,673	131,921	134,553	139,198	141,655	140,157
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,086	7,065	6,882	6,947	6,922	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	419	415	2,015	2,030	2,033	2,033
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#17.0	#16.9	78.7	79.3	79.4	79.4
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	650	660	692	743	736	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	321	320	325	336	333	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning August 5, 1957: Production, 2,092 thous. short tons; operating rate, 81.7 percent. * Monthly index for July 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	28,125	28,180	29,815	29,010	29,116	28,493
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,177	14,406	15,033	14,768	14,833	14,562
Primary metal.....do....	2,544	2,614	2,592	2,481	2,425	2,440
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,487	1,561	1,551	1,642	1,585	1,588
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,061	4,181	4,485	4,355	4,425	4,516
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,041	2,974	3,590	3,489	3,496	3,150
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,143	1,154	1,010	995	975	976
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	796	779	740	728	799	769
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,948	13,774	14,782	14,242	14,283	13,931
Food and beverage.....do....	4,143	4,238	4,347	4,196	4,394	4,352
Tobacco.....do....	365	335	321	347	387	378
Textile.....do....	1,129	1,156	1,163	1,030	1,031	981
Paper.....do....	920	911	901	928	916	893
Chemical.....do....	2,052	1,872	2,055	2,005	2,100	2,004
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,631	2,629	3,045	2,907	2,900	2,818
Rubber.....do....	482	497	495	500	486	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	27,575	27,354	28,426	28,679	28,617	28,350
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,570	13,587	14,198	14,254	14,296	14,182
Primary metal.....do....	2,367	2,311	2,389	2,357	2,263	2,271
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,499	1,550	1,514	1,625	1,562	1,527
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,967	3,939	4,158	4,242	4,354	4,312
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	2,776	2,852	3,406	3,240	3,276	3,190
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,126	1,111	952	989	978	1,021
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	738	729	747	707	747	747
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,005	13,767	14,228	14,425	14,321	14,168
Food and beverage.....do....	4,189	4,107	4,333	4,322	4,340	4,241
Tobacco.....do....	331	321	349	358	352	378
Textile.....do....	1,174	1,157	1,144	1,073	1,079	1,021
Paper.....do....	910	894	858	919	907	875
Chemical.....do....	1,952	1,861	1,908	1,894	1,996	2,014
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,690	2,634	2,928	3,028	2,959	2,818
Rubber.....do....	477	472	476	490	481	.....

1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

NOTE: Manufacturers' sales, inventories, and orders have been revised back to January 1953. Data for the period June 1956-June 1957 will appear in the August 1957 issue of the SURVEY (detailed figures beginning January 1953 will appear in the August Industry Survey).

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month: 1/						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	49,530	50,071	53,670	53,827	53,985	54,214
Durable-goods industries, total 2/.....do....	29,119	29,297	31,512	31,778	31,873	31,879
Primary metal.....do....	3,471	3,455	4,018	3,962	4,053	4,052
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,145	3,145	3,242	3,286	3,272	3,348
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	9,922	10,108	10,614	10,662	10,811	10,764
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).do....	7,226	7,126	7,951	8,124	7,969	7,979
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,845	1,898	1,945	1,922	1,904	1,877
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,120	1,140	1,233	1,257	1,265	1,265
Nondurable-goods industries, total 2/.....do....	20,411	20,774	22,158	22,049	22,112	22,335
Food and beverage.....do....	4,310	4,436	4,754	4,622	4,504	4,518
Tobacco.....do....	1,860	1,809	2,105	2,075	2,027	1,977
Textile.....do....	2,635	2,630	2,748	2,698	2,720	2,715
Paper.....do....	1,212	1,253	1,455	1,453	1,453	1,455
Chemical.....do....	3,376	3,434	3,725	3,750	3,716	3,735
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,930	3,003	3,157	3,202	3,346	3,506
Rubber.....do....	1,061	1,040	1,071	1,062	1,065	.....
Book value (adjusted), total.....do....	49.320	49,625	53,334	53,663	53,909	53,981
Durable-goods industries, total 2/.....do....	28,740	28,760	31,185	31,462	31,566	31,523
Primary metal.....do....	3,589	3,551	4,102	4,114	4,192	4,215
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,024	2,939	3,210	3,222	3,146	3,144
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	9,697	9,838	10,478	10,509	10,624	10,621
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).do....	7,205	7,082	7,825	8,016	7,975	7,958
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,807	1,866	1,914	1,890	1,865	1,845
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,098	1,129	1,174	1,209	1,240	1,252
Nondurable-goods industries, total 2/.....do....	20,580	20,865	22,149	22,201	22,343	22,448
Food and beverage.....do....	4,612	4,753	4,872	4,876	4,869	4,877
Tobacco.....do....	1,879	1,884	2,024	2.054	2,047	2,059
Textile.....do....	2,544	2,554	2,692	2,628	2,625	2,636
Paper.....do....	1,212	1,253	1,426	1,439	1,453	1,455
Chemical.....do....	3,386	3,384	3,676	3,730	3,729	3,683
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,960	3,033	3,255	3,267	3,380	3,531
Rubber.....do....	1,020	1,010	1,030	1,031	1,024	.....
Manufacturers' orders: 1/						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....do....	28,273	29,048	29,291	27,673	28,328	27,601
Durable-goods industries, total 2/.....do....	14,348	15,214	14,611	13,349	13,949	13,576
Primary metal.....do....	2,561	2,247	2,597	2,103	2,251	2,203
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,487	1,462	1,538	1,500	1,638	1,487
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,338	4,723	4,450	4,091	4,136	4,560
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	2,828	3,706	3,181	2,936	3,181	2,457
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,925	13,834	14.680	13,324	14,379	14,025
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	28,616	27,734	28,066	27,940	28,433	27,138
Durable-goods industries, total 2/.....do....	14,654	14,093	13,853	13,234	14,115	13,127
Primary metal.....do....	2,430	2,335	2,330	2,197	2,136	2,289
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,533	1,523	1,398	1,500	1,689	1,549
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,507	4,305	4,205	3,850	4,321	4,152
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,018	3,000	3,236	2,968	3,198	2,405
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,962	13,641	14,213	14,706	14,318	14,011
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	59,715	60,583	63,194	61,857	61,069	60,177
Durable-goods industries, total 2/.....do....	56,526	57,334	60,341	58,922	58,038	57,052
Primary metal.....do....	6,606	6,239	7,149	6,771	6,597	6,360
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,665	4,566	4,497	4,355	4,408	4,307
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	18,715	19,257	20,195	19,931	19,642	19,686
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	21,308	22,040	23,506	22,953	22,638	21,945
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,189	3,249	2,853	2,935	3,031	3,125
EMPLOYMENT						
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	3.4	4.2	2.8	2.8	r3.0	p3.8
Separation rate, total.....do....	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.3	r3.4	p2.9
Discharge.....do....	.3	.3	.2	.2	.3	p.2
Lay-off.....do....	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.5	r1.5	p1.1
Quit.....do....	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.4	p1.3
Military and miscellaneous.....do....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	p.2
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	38,919	39,454	40,503	41,015	41,707	42,245
Installment credit, total.....do....	29,763	30,084	31,273	31,532	31,901	32,344
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,470	3,390	3,319	3,558	3,709	3,638
Repaid, total.....do....	3,126	3,069	3,279	3,299	3,340	3,195
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,255	3,049	3,299	3,505	3,485	3,412
Repaid, total.....do....	3,060	3,006	3,160	3,301	3,274	3,251
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	52,625	52,823	59,225	57,716	59,864	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	18,560	19,083	20,930	20,390	23,610	.....
Mail, ton-miles flown.....do....	7,742	7,179	8,243	8,126	8,357	.....
Passengers originated, revenue.....do....	3,230	3,536	3,327	3,371	3,433	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	1,782	2,085	2,006	2,008	2,016	.....

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association):						
Production, total.....mil. of bd. ft..	3,431	3,312	2,807	2,950	3,050	2,934
Softwoods.....do....	2,804	2,672	2,253	2,449	2,560	2,442
Shipments, total.....do....	3,381	3,167	2,758	3,023	3,119	3,005
Softwoods.....do....	2,788	2,610	2,231	2,511	2,609	2,500
Stocks, gross (mill and concentration yards), total...do....	8,450	8,598	10,037	9,990	9,929	9,928
Softwoods.....do....	5,327	5,392	6,240	6,204	6,163	6,176
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	48,272	43,568	48,263	45,368	r46,511	41,105
Stocks, end of month.....do....	107,324	101,748	97,820	102,796	r98,717	90,818
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do....	93,740	85,296	93,916	82,340	95,012	84,413
Consumption.....do....	76,168	67,626	81,650	76,355	r80,242	70,230
Stocks, end of month.....do....	162,682	171,196	181,813	173,611	r173,441	173,888
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number..	570,486	538,052	677,778	647,414	r639,886	r591,039
Coaches, total.....do....	362	503	341	506	r462	r389
Domestic.....do....	304	471	307	410	r309	332
Passenger cars, total.....do....	474,010	445,758	585,734	541,733	537,112	r496,329
Domestic.....do....	459,070	433,859	569,242	526,310	522,759	484,840
Trucks, total.....do....	96,114	91,791	91,703	105,175	102,312	r94,321
Domestic.....do....	77,593	73,463	73,523	84,410	82,930	76,859
	June	July	April	May	June	July
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	245	243	242	243	244	247
Crops.....do....	261	255	242	244	241	239
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	290	263	294	315	283	288
Cotton.....do....	273	274	258	266	270	273
Feed grains and hay.....do....	192	194	180	179	173	170
Food grains.....do....	219	216	233	225	218	218
Fruit.....do....	261	221	237	228	246	219
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	259	250	264	263	260	261
Potatoes 1/.....do....	334	387	145	156	152	167
Tobacco.....do....	453	453	459	457	457	460
Livestock and products.....do....	231	231	242	241	245	254
Dairy products.....do....	245	251	253	248	247	252
Meat animals.....do....	251	246	275	278	287	297
Poultry and eggs.....do....	172	174	150	144	145	155
Wool.....do....	235	233	286	310	317	312
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	264	266	273	273	273	273
Family living items.....do....	280	282	285	286	287	287
Production items.....do....	248	248	260	259	257	257
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates..do....	286	287	296	296	296	295
Parity ratio.....do....	86	85	82	82	82	84

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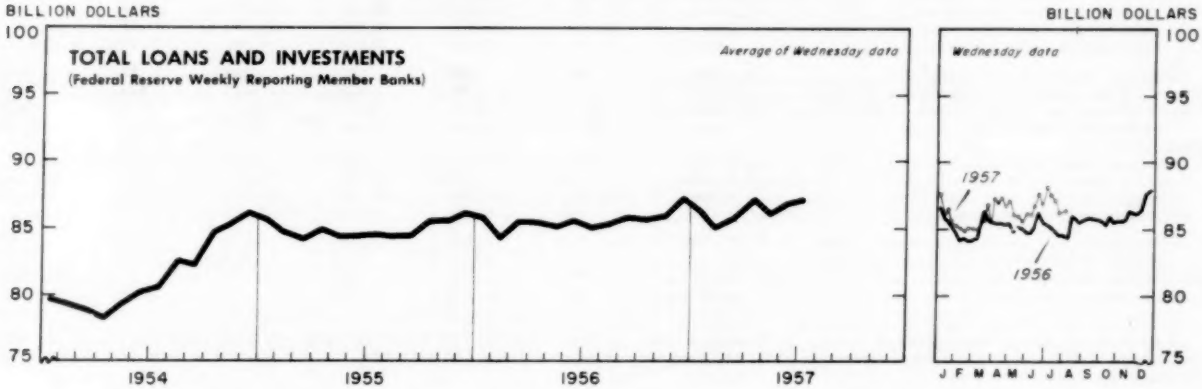

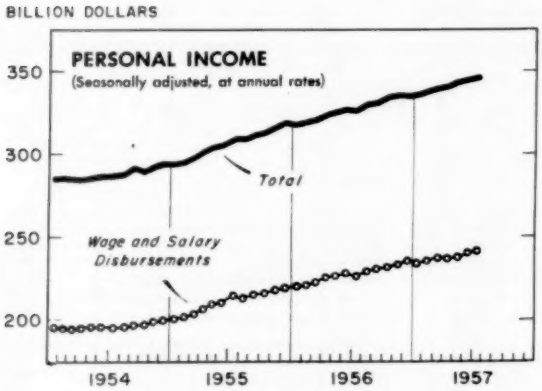

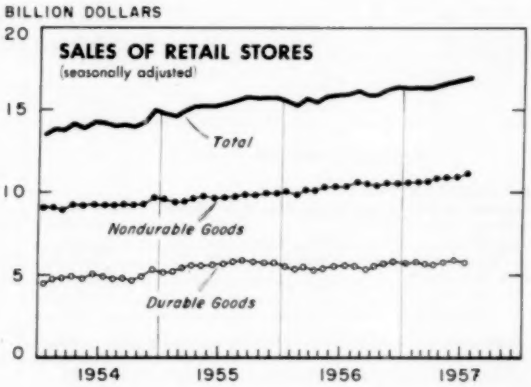

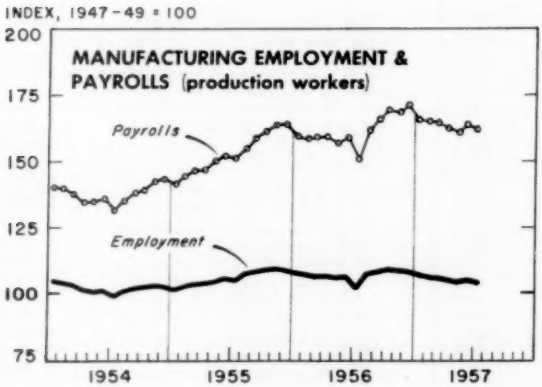

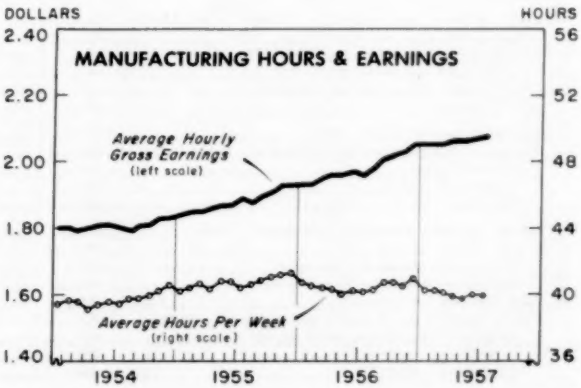

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Aug. 4	Aug. 11	July 20	July 27	Aug. 3	Aug. 10
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.0	118.0	118.0	117.9	118.0
Farm products.....do....	.....	*90.0	92.9	93.4	92.8	93.2
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.2	107.1	106.6	106.1	106.7
All other.....do....	.....	*121.4	125.5	125.5	125.5	125.5
22 commodities 2/.....do....	89.4	90.6	90.3	90.0	90.2	90.2
Department store sales.....do....	104	107	101	101	103	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,246	1,205	1,381	1,314	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,113	1,078	1,279	1,219	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,575	30,633	31,183	30,999	30,909	30,983
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,172	25,182	25,641	25,456	24,932	25,124
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,591	18,588	19,200	19,189	18,885	18,868
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	476	570	515	567	389	480
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,556	55,428	55,167	55,570	55,555	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,904	21,913	23,608	23,599	23,590	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,609	84,402	87,090	86,244	86,364	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	25,978	25,824	25,642	25,223	25,241	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	28,734	28,727	32,070	31,783	31,737	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,671	8,678	8,657	8,666	8,675	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	282	229	266	228	281	265
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.55	3.59	4.25	4.28	4.31	4.34
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	49.42	49.36	48.58	48.61	47.91	47.03
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	52.92	52.84	52.61	52.65	51.88	50.82
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,534	1,564	1,657	1,668	1,617	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,190	11,530	12,306	12,243	12,474	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	131,921	127,648	139,198	141,655	140,156	139,014
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,065	7,086	6,947	6,922	6,843	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	415	1,415	2,030	2,033	2,033	2,043
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#16.9	#57.5	79.3	79.4	79.4	79.8
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	660	715	743	736	741	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	320	344	336	333	342	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning August 12, 1957: Production, 2,097 thous. short tons; operating rate, 81.9 percent. * Monthly index for July 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
National income and product:						
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates:						
National income, total.....bil. of dol..	.....	340.6	355.1	.....	.....	.....
Compensation of employees, total.....do....	.....	240.0	251.1	.....	.....	253.6
Wages and salaries, total.....do....	.....	226.1	235.9	.....	.....	238.2
Private.....do....	.....	188.4	196.8	.....	.....	198.8
Military.....do....	.....	9.7	9.6	.....	.....	9.7
Government civilian.....do....	.....	27.9	29.4	.....	.....	29.7
Supplements to wages and salaries.....do....	.....	13.9	15.3	.....	.....	15.4
Proprietors' and rental income, total.....do....	.....	49.7	50.3	.....	.....	50.7
Business and professional.....do....	.....	28.0	28.4	.....	.....	28.7
Farm.....do....	.....	11.5	11.5	.....	.....	11.7
Rental income of persons.....do....	.....	10.3	10.4	.....	.....	10.4
Corp. profits and inventory valuation adj.,total..do....	.....	39.1	41.2	.....	.....	.....
Corporate profits before tax, total.....do....	.....	42.4	43.9	.....	.....	.....
Corporate profits tax liability.....do....	.....	21.6	22.4	.....	.....	.....
Corporate profits after tax.....do....	.....	20.7	21.5	.....	.....	.....
Inventory valuation adjustment.....do....	.....	-3.2	-2.7	.....	.....	-1.3
Net interest.....do....	.....	11.7	12.5	.....	.....	12.7
Gross national product, total.....do....	.....	410.8	429.1	.....	.....	434.3
Personal consumption expenditures, total.....do....	.....	265.0	276.7	.....	.....	278.9
Durable goods.....do....	.....	33.3	35.9	.....	.....	35.0
Nondurable goods.....do....	.....	132.7	137.3	.....	.....	139.1
Services.....do....	.....	99.0	103.4	.....	.....	104.9
Gross private domestic investment, total.....do....	.....	65.3	62.7	.....	.....	65.0
New construction.....do....	.....	33.6	32.8	.....	.....	32.7
Producers' durable equipment.....do....	.....	27.2	30.7	.....	.....	30.5
Change in business inventories.....do....	.....	4.6	-.8	.....	.....	1.7
Net foreign investment.....do....	.....	1.2	4.1	.....	.....	3.5
Gov't purchases of goods and services, total.....do....	.....	79.3	85.6	.....	.....	86.9
Federal (less Government sales).....do....	.....	46.4	50.3	.....	.....	51.1
National security.....do....	.....	41.6	45.5	.....	.....	46.3
State and local.....do....	.....	32.9	35.3	.....	.....	35.8

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ITEM	1956 June	1956 July	1957 April	1957 May	1957 June	1957 July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
National income and product - Continued						
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates - Con.						
Personal income, total....bil. of dol..	325.3	.....	*337.7	.....	342.4	.....
Less: Personal tax and nontax payments....do....	39.5	.....	*42.2	.....	42.9	.....
Equals: Disposable personal income....do....	285.8	.....	*295.5	.....	299.5	.....
Personal saving....do....	20.8	.....	*18.9	.....	20.6	.....
Personal income, by source:						
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total personal income....do....	326.8	325.6	340.6	342.9	r344.8	345.5
Wage and salary disbursements, total....do....	227.3	225.7	237.1	238.3	r240.1	240.9
Commodity-producing industries....do....	98.1	96.3	102.4	102.4	r103.3	103.3
Distributive industries....do....	60.3	60.2	62.7	63.4	r63.8	64.2
Service industries....do....	31.0	31.2	32.9	33.0	r33.2	33.4
Government....do....	37.9	38.0	39.1	39.5	r39.8	40.0
Other labor income....do....	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.9
Proprietors' and rental income....do....	49.7	49.9	50.6	50.8	r50.9	51.0
Personal interest income and dividends....do....	29.5	29.7	31.0	31.2	31.2	31.3
Transfer payments....do....	18.5	18.5	20.8	21.6	21.5	21.2
Less personal contributions for social insurance..do....	5.7	5.7	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.8
Total nonagricultural income....do....	312.0	310.7	325.3	327.5	r329.3	330.1
COMMODITY PRICES						
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S. Dept. of Commerce index).1935-39=100..	211.9	213.6	214.9	r215.3	216.6	.....
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores: 1/						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total....mil. of dol..	16,579	15,382	r16,442	r17,205	17,114	16,705
Durable-goods stores.						
Automotive group....do....	3,363	3,066	r3,391	r3,550	3,609	3,383
Furniture and appliance group....do....	921	846	r809	r873	916	871
Nondurable-goods stores:						
Apparel group....do....	989	768	r1,131	r998	994	847
Drug and proprietary stores....do....	477	464	r502	r520	511	510
Eating and drinking places....do....	1,270	1,306	r1,153	r1,253	1,289	1,343
Food group....do....	3,835	3,628	r3,770	r4,043	3,977	3,980
Gasoline service stations....do....	1,201	1,239	r1,216	r1,293	1,321	1,362
General-merchandise group....do....	1,700	1,414	r1,705	r1,723	1,680	1,523
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total....do....	15,852	15,871	r16,437	r16,644	16,783	16,903
Durable-goods stores....do....	5,500	5,514	r5,631	r5,776	5,806	5,738
Nondurable-goods stores....do....	10,352	10,357	r10,806	r10,867	10,977	11,165
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total....do....	23,510	23,300	24,510	r24,440	23,840	.....
Durable-goods stores....do....	10,860	10,650	11,220	11,170	10,970	.....
Nondurable-goods stores....do....	12,650	12,650	13,290	r13,270	12,870	.....
Adjusted, total....do....	23,830	23,800	23,670	r23,950	24,090	.....
Durable-goods stores....do....	10,750	10,650	10,590	r10,740	10,800	.....
Nondurable-goods stores....do....	13,080	13,150	13,080	13,210	13,290	.....
Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:						
Unadjusted....do....	3,434	2,994	3,412	3,551	3,456	.....
Adjusted....do....	3,332	3,373	3,427	3,493	3,509	.....
Department store sales, United States total:						
Unadjusted index....1947-49=100..	119	101	122	r124	p121	p105
Adjusted index....do....	124	128	122	125	p127	p133
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total....mil. of dol..	r11,260	r10,750	r11,250	r11,640	10,990	.....
Durable-goods establishments....do....	r4,590	r4,220	r4,310	r4,450	4,240	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments....do....	r6,670	r6,530	r6,940	r7,190	6,750	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total....do....	r11,970	r12,110	r12,800	r12,610	12,490	.....
Durable-goods establishments....do....	r6,300	r6,210	r6,700	r6,670	6,670	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments....do....	r5,670	r5,900	r6,100	r5,940	5,820	.....
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census): 2/						
Civilian labor force, total....thousands..	69,430	69,489	66,951	67,893	69,842	70,228
Employed....do....	66,503	66,655	64,261	65,178	66,504	67,221
Agricultural employment....do....	7,876	7,700	5,755	6,659	7,534	7,772
Nonagricultural employment....do....	58,627	58,955	58,506	58,519	58,970	59,449
Unemployed....do....	2,927	2,833	2,690	2,715	3,337	3,007
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Department of Labor)....do....	52,135	51,258	52,245	r52,456	r52,874	p52,574
Manufacturing....do....	16,825	16,301	16,822	r16,762	r16,847	p16,671
Mining....do....	833	765	833	r835	r859	p852
Contract construction....do....	3,237	3,256	2,906	r3,082	r3,233	r3,290
Transportation and public utilities....do....	4,191	4,161	4,153	r4,156	r4,182	p4,203
Wholesale and retail trade....do....	11,236	11,164	11,428	r11,411	r11,501	p11,486
Finance, insurance, and real estate....do....	2,328	2,349	2,320	r2,329	r2,359	p2,392
Service and miscellaneous....do....	6,320	6,296	6,432	r6,520	r6,552	p6,520
Government....do....	7,165	6,966	7,351	r7,361	r7,341	p7,160
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Total....do....	13,108	12,536	12,960	r12,894	r12,962	p12,768
Durable-goods industries....do....	7,636	7,113	7,635	r7,600	r7,601	p7,436
Ordnance and accessories....do....	83	82	78	r77	r77	p75
Lumber and wood products (except furniture)....do....	713	703	612	r638	r660	p648
Furniture and fixtures....do....	312	306	312	308	r312	p306
Stone, clay, and glass products....do....	477	466	455	456	r460	p444
Primary metal industries....do....	1,119	747	1,101	r1,093	r1,092	p1,080

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Continued						
Production workers in manufacturing industries - Continued						
Durable-goods industries - Continued						
Fabricated metal products 1/.....thousands..	871	823	889	883	r885	p870
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	1,274	1,247	1,277	1,255	r1,239	p1,208
Electrical machinery.....do....	862	849	853	r847	r855	p841
Transportation equipment.....do....	1,299	1,280	1,446	r1,435	r1,412	p1,372
Instruments and related products.....do....	229	226	230	r226	r223	p220
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	5,472	5,423	5,325	r5,294	r5,361	p5,332
Food and kindred products.....do....	1,094	1,140	990	r1,004	r1,056	p1,105
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	78	76	74	73	73	p69
Textile-mill products.....do....	966	928	919	r911	r912	p887
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1,050	1,025	1,069	r1,039	r1,046	p1,012
Paper and allied products.....do....	467	462	467	465	r470	p460
Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do....	549	544	559	r555	r557	p556
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	549	539	549	r544	r536	p531
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	175	170	173	r174	r177	p178
Rubber products.....do....	203	203	191	r204	r200	p203
Leather and leather products.....do....	340	337	334	325	333	p332
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	106.0	101.4	104.8	104.2	r104.8	p103.2
Adjusted.....do....	106.5	102.8	105.9	105.7	r105.4	p104.7
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	158.5	150.5	161.5	r161.0	r163.9	p161.8
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing...hours..	40.2	40.1	39.8	39.7	r40.0	p39.9
Durable-goods industries.....do....	40.8	40.7	40.5	r40.3	r40.6	p40.2
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	39.2	39.4	38.9	38.9	r39.2	p39.5
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	79.19	78.60	81.59	81.78	r82.80	p82.99
Durable-goods industries.....do....	85.27	84.25	88.29	r87.85	r88.91	p88.44
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	70.95	71.71	72.74	73.13	r74.09	p75.05
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	1.97	1.96	2.05	2.06	2.07	p2.08
Durable-goods industries.....do....	2.09	2.07	2.18	2.18	2.19	p2.20
Ordnance and accessories.....do....	2.20	2.20	2.31	r2.31	2.33	p2.37
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	1.81	1.80	1.80	1.82	1.85	p1.81
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	1.69	1.68	1.72	1.73	r1.74	p1.74
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1.96	1.97	2.01	2.02	r2.04	p2.05
Primary metal industries.....do....	2.34	2.28	2.46	2.46	r2.48	p2.51
Fabricated metal products 1/.....do....	2.06	2.05	2.15	r2.16	2.17	p2.18
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	2.19	2.20	2.28	2.28	r2.30	p2.30
Electrical machinery.....do....	1.97	1.98	2.06	2.05	r2.07	p2.07
Transportation equipment.....do....	2.29	2.30	2.37	2.37	r2.40	p2.41
Instruments and related products.....do....	2.00	2.02	2.10	r2.10	r2.11	p2.12
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	1.81	1.82	1.87	1.88	1.89	p1.90
Food and kindred products.....do....	1.83	1.83	1.93	1.94	r1.93	p1.93
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	1.52	1.51	1.55	1.58	r1.59	p1.62
Textile-mill products.....do....	1.44	1.44	1.50	1.50	1.50	p1.50
Apparel and other finished textile-products.....do....	1.45	1.46	1.48	1.48	r1.49	p1.49
Paper and allied products.....do....	1.93	1.96	2.00	r2.01	2.03	p2.05
Printing, publishing, and allied industries.....do....	2.43	2.43	2.49	2.51	2.51	p2.50
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	2.12	2.13	2.17	2.20	2.23	p2.25
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	2.55	2.56	2.59	2.61	r2.66	p2.67
Rubber products.....do....	2.14	2.16	2.19	2.22	r2.23	p2.25
Leather and leather products.....do....	1.50	1.49	1.54	1.54	r1.54	p1.53

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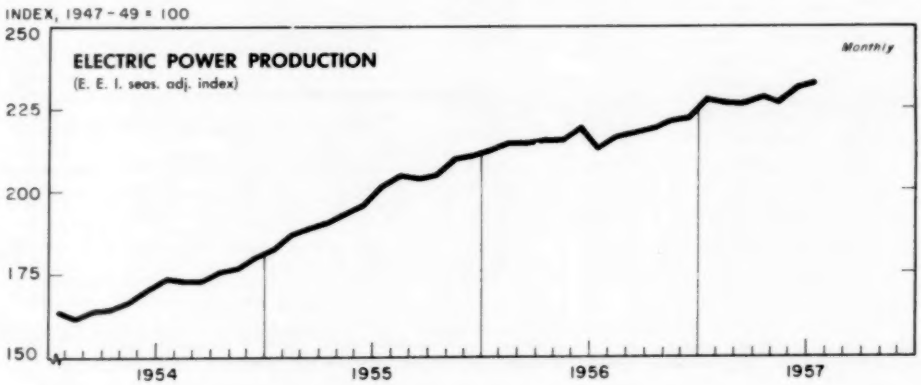

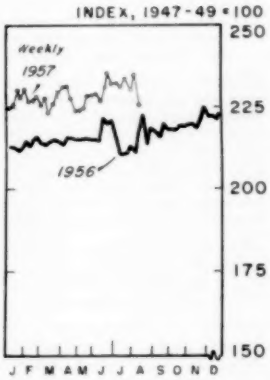

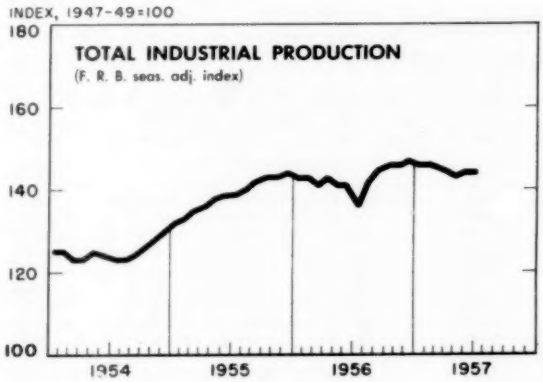

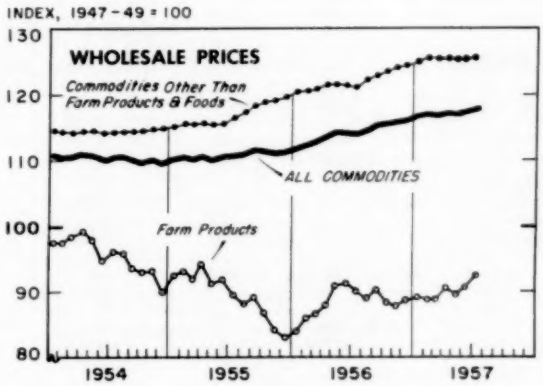

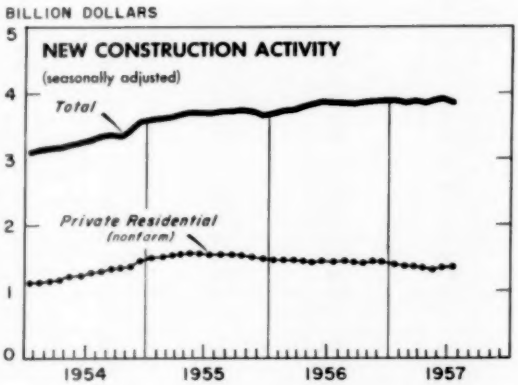

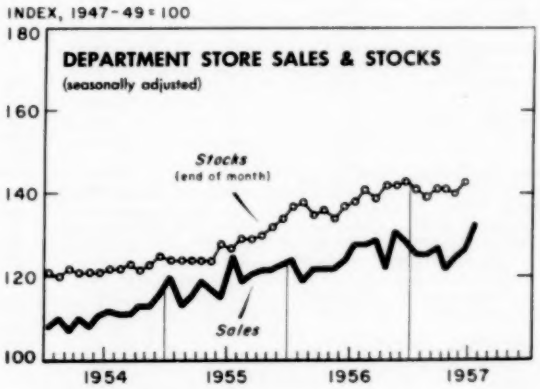

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	July 27	Aug. 3	Aug. 10	Aug. 17
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.7	.....	.....	118.1	118.0
Farm products.....do....	.....	*89.1	.....	.....	93.1	92.7
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.6	.....	.....	106.8	106.4
All other.....do....	.....	*122.5	.....	.....	125.6	125.6
22 commodities 2/.....do....	90.6	90.9	90.0	90.2	90.2	89.7
Department store sales.....do....	107	111	101	104	110	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,205	1,155	1,315	1,289	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,078	1,042	1,219	1,185	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,633	30,681	30,999	30,909	30,983	31,069
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,182	25,254	25,456	24,932	25,124	25,102
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,588	18,593	19,189	18,885	18,868	18,786
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	570	579	567	389	480	536
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,428	54,697	55,570	55,550	55,096	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,913	21,897	23,599	23,583	23,633	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,402	86,051	86,244	86,365	85,955	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	25,824	27,199	25,223	25,241	24,821	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	28,727	29,029	31,783	31,738	31,742	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,678	8,716	8,666	8,675	8,665	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	229	289	228	281	265	222
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.59	3.62	4.28	4.31	4.34	4.36
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	49.36	48.99	48.61	47.91	47.03	45.73
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	52.84	52.46	52.65	51.88	50.82	49.38
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,564	1,626	1,668	1,625	1,615	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,530	11,794	12,243	12,474	12,070	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	127,648	120,027	141,655	140,156	137,143	137,727
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,086	7,122	6,922	6,843	6,797	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	1,415	2,154	2,033	2,033	2,043	2,062
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#57.5	#87.5	79.4	79.4	79.8	80.6
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	715	770	736	741	740	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	343	367	333	342	349	.....

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	141	128	144	143	r145	p135
Manufactures.....do....	142	129	146	144	r146	p137
Durable manufactures.....do....	156	139	163	159	r161	p152
Primary metals.....do....	140	62	140	136	r136	p119
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	166	160	179	174	175	p167
Fabricated metal products.....do....	132	124	140	136	r139	p135
Machinery.....do....	167	158	169	166	r168	p159
Transportation equipment.....do....	188	185	222	213	r213	p203
Instruments and related products.....do....	163	162	174	171	r170	p168
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	118	115	117	115	r118	p114
Lumber and products.....do....	129	116	117	118	r131	p111
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	163	156	155	r159	r159	p154
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	141	135	r137	137	r139	p132
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	128	119	128	129	130	p121
Printing and publishing.....do....	134	129	143	r142	r140	p136
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	142	132	137	r139	r141	p137
Minerals.....do....	131	119	130	r131	133	p124
Coal.....do....	84	62	84	83	88	p66
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	148	149	154	r152	r149	p145
Adjusted, combined index.....do....	141	136	143	143	r144	p144
Manufactures.....do....	142	138	145	145	r146	p146
Durable manufactures.....do....	157	148	160	159	r162	p162
Primary metals.....do....	136	69	134	r132	r132	p134
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	168	169	176	175	r177	p178
Fabricated metal products.....do....	132	130	140	136	r139	p142
Machinery.....do....	170	173	166	168	r171	p174
Transportation equipment.....do....	188	189	217	r213	r213	p208
Instruments and related products.....do....	163	167	172	171	r170	p173
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	122	123	121	121	122	p122
Lumber and products.....do....	123	127	113	115	r125	p121
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	161	161	155	r159	r158	p159
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	144	145	r140	139	r142	p142

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production, adjusted index (FRB) - Continued						
Manufactures - Continued						
Nondurable manufactures.....1947-49=100..	128	128	129	130	130	p130
Printing and publishing.....do....	135	136	141	142	r141	p142
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	140	132	142	r142	r140	p137
Minerals.....do....	129	123	130	r130	r129	p127
Coal.....do....	85	75	88	84	r86	p83
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	149	152	150	r152	r149	p147
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do....	124	116	130	124	r131	p116
Major consumer durables.....do....	130	121	140	131	140	p121
Autos.....do....	127	127	155	144	156	p134
Major household goods.....do....	134	117	128	122	r129	.....
Other consumer durables.....do....	109	106	107	106	108	p105
Adjusted index, total.....do....	123	127	124	124	r129	p129
Major consumer durables.....do....	128	135	131	r131	137	p137
Autos.....do....	120	122	141	139	144	p134
Major household goods.....do....	138	142	124	126	r133	.....
Other consumer durables.....do....	110	111	r109	108	108	p110
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....number..	1,105	1,018	1,175	1,200	1,084	1,059
Commercial service.....do....	93	87	118	82	93	81
Construction.....do....	163	141	172	181	164	153
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	183	165	190	205	179	181
Retail trade.....do....	551	540	580	600	553	570
Wholesale trade.....do....	115	85	115	132	95	74
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	43,013	48,689	57,103	52,552	51,454	44,299
Commercial service.....do....	3,588	7,442	3,878	4,728	3,551	5,024
Construction.....do....	8,598	7,488	9,090	10,820	10,066	7,629
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	10,684	9,005	16,286	14,888	12,966	14,039
Retail trade.....do....	12,812	11,945	15,994	15,686	17,715	12,715
Wholesale trade.....do....	7,331	12,809	11,855	6,430	7,156	4,892
COMMODITY PRICES						
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	114.2	114.0	117.2	117.1	117.4	118.1
Economic sector:						
Crude materials for further processing.....do....	95.7	95.0	97.1	96.5	r98.8	99.7
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components....do....	121.7	121.3	125.0	124.7	124.5	125.1
Finished goods.....do....	114.0	114.0	117.4	117.4	117.6	118.4
Farm products.....do....	91.2	90.0	90.6	89.5	90.9	92.7
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do....	120.2	111.8	103.0	109.0	105.4	106.7
Grains.....do....	86.9	88.4	87.3	85.4	83.9	82.7
Livestock and live poultry.....do....	74.8	72.9	79.3	78.7	83.5	86.5
Foods, processed.....do....	102.3	102.2	104.3	104.9	106.1	107.2
Cereal and bakery products.....do....	115.3	114.8	116.8	116.5	117.0	117.7
Dairy products and ice cream.....do....	108.0	107.9	111.4	110.7	108.1	108.1
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do....	109.7	109.3	104.9	103.5	r101.9	102.3
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	83.1	83.7	88.2	91.5	96.6	99.2
Commodities other than farm products and foods.....do....	121.5	121.4	125.4	125.2	125.2	125.6
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	107.1	107.3	109.1	109.1	109.3	109.4
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do....	110.5	110.7	119.5	118.5	r117.2	116.2
Furniture, other household durables.....do....	118.1	118.3	121.5	121.6	r121.7	122.1
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	100.2	100.1	98.8	99.0	r99.9	100.6
Lumber and wood products.....do....	127.3	126.6	120.2	119.7	119.7	119.3
Machinery and motive products.....do....	136.8	136.9	145.0	145.1	145.2	145.5
Metals and metal products.....do....	145.8	144.9	150.1	150.0	r150.6	152.4
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do....	128.9	130.6	134.6	135.0	135.1	135.2
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	127.4	127.7	128.6	128.9	r128.9	129.1
Rubber and products.....do....	142.8	143.3	144.5	144.7	145.1	144.9
Textile products and apparel.....do....	94.9	94.9	95.3	95.4	95.5	95.4
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	121.6	121.7	124.5	124.5	r124.7	127.7
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	4,288	4,420	3,641	4,033	r4,347	4,403
Private, total.....do....	3,030	3,107	2,579	2,808	r3,004	3,047
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,654	1,674	1,300	1,410	r1,526	1,556
New dwelling units.....do....	1,235	1,260	940	1,000	r1,085	1,125
Additions and alterations.....do....	379	371	326	373	r401	391
Nonresidential building, total 1/.....do....	761	788	713	747	786	774
Industrial.....do....	264	271	271	270	270	262
Commercial.....do....	324	332	263	287	309	307
Farm construction.....do....	156	165	119	140	156	166
Public utility.....do....	448	468	432	493	517	534
Public, total.....do....	1,258	1,313	1,062	1,225	r1,343	1,356
Nonresidential building.....do....	358	378	374	389	r405	394
Military facilities.....do....	135	136	95	100	r110	117
Highway.....do....	501	518	335	455	r535	545
Other types.....do....	264	281	258	281	r293	300
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,879	3,873	3,888	3,911	r3,930	3,865
Private, total.....do....	2,792	2,788	2,726	2,750	r2,768	2,740
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,475	1,464	1,360	1,335	r1,354	1,357
Nonresidential building, total 1/.....do....	754	755	771	783	779	747
Farm construction.....do....	130	130	125	127	130	131
Public utility.....do....	423	429	455	488	488	491

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE - Continued						
New construction (seasonally adjusted) - Continued						
Public, total.....mil. of dol..	1,087	1,085	1,162	1,161	r1,162	1,125
Nonresidential building.....do....	334	343	380	378	r379	361
Highway.....do....	392	375	414	410	r418	395
Engineering construction:						
Contract awards (ENR) 1/.....do....	1,622	1,835	1,460	1,857	1,561	1,589
New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, privately and publicly owned.....thous..	107.4	101.1	r93.7	102.0	97.0	96.0
Privately owned, total.....do....	104.6	99.0	r91.4	96.0	92.0	90.2
In metropolitan areas.....do....	72.8	68.1	62.3	66.7	64.2	61.6
Publicly owned.....do....	2.8	2.1	r2.3	6.0	5.0	5.8
Seasonally adjusted at annual rate:						
Privately owned, total.....do....	1,091.0	1,070.0	r962.0	980.0	970.0	980.0
Construction cost indexes:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	132	133	135	r136	137	.....
American Appraisal Co., The, average, 30 cities...1913=100..	634	638	655	659	664	668
Atlanta.....do....	679	692	712	712	712	712
New York.....do....	660	667	704	704	705	705
San Francisco.....do....	596	596	610	610	609	610
St. Louis.....do....	635	635	644	644	656	660
Associated General Contractors (all types).....do....	461	467	473	479	485	488
Engineering News-Record:						
Building 2/.....1947-49=100..	144.7	145.3	148.8	149.1	149.8	152.9
Construction 2/.....do....	153.4	153.7	158.0	159.2	159.9	163.1
FINANCE						
Bank debits, total (344 centers).....mil. of dol..	186,540	181,284	192,628	197,181	193,303	200,547
New York City.....do....	70,733	65,873	72,328	71,780	74,512	74,509
6 other centers.....do....	38,937	38,653	40,182	42,128	39,942	41,711
Federal Government finance:						
Gross debt (direct), end of month, total.....do....	272,751	272,645	274,008	275,234	270,527	272,469
Interest bearing, total.....do....	269,883	269,972	272,066	273,074	268,486	270,595
Public issues.....do....	224,769	224,618	226,915	226,937	221,658	224,272
Special issues.....do....	45,114	45,353	45,151	46,137	46,827	46,323
Noninterest bearing.....do....	2,868	2,674	1,942	2,160	2,042	1,874
Obligations guaranteed by U.S.Government, end of mo...do....	74	74	103	103	107	107
Turnover of demand deposits except interbank and U. S. Government, annual rate:						
New York City.....ratio of debits to deposits..	47.0	45.9	46.9	47.1	51.4	49.5
6 other centers.....do....	28.9	29.6	30.3	30.5	30.5	p30.5
337 other reporting centers.....do....	21.6	22.4	22.3	r23.2	23.2	p23.6
Stocks:						
Cash dividend payments publicly reported:						
Total dividend payments.....mil. of dol..	1,623.3	731.8	762.3	300.0	1,679.0	763.6
Finance.....do....	109.1	147.9	133.4	62.4	107.2	146.5
Manufacturing.....do....	1,078.3	254.1	272.0	130.6	1,120.6	280.9
Mining.....do....	128.7	8.0	8.1	2.6	125.7	7.4
Public utilities:						
Communications.....do....	41.0	140.5	140.7	1.3	41.7	141.0
Electric and gas.....do....	122.8	94.7	107.2	81.2	132.6	95.5
Railroad.....do....	66.0	16.6	27.0	3.4	73.9	18.4
Trade.....do....	50.4	61.7	63.6	11.5	51.2	62.0
Miscellaneous.....do....	27.0	8.3	10.3	7.0	26.1	11.9

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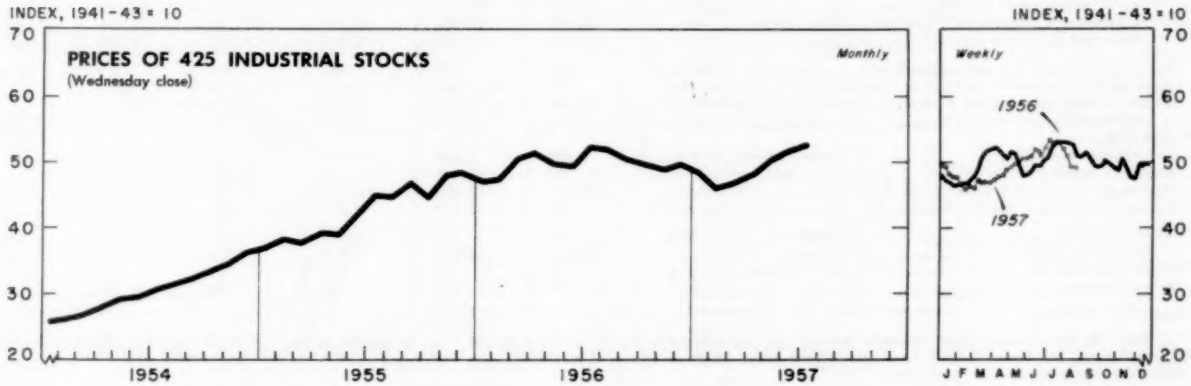

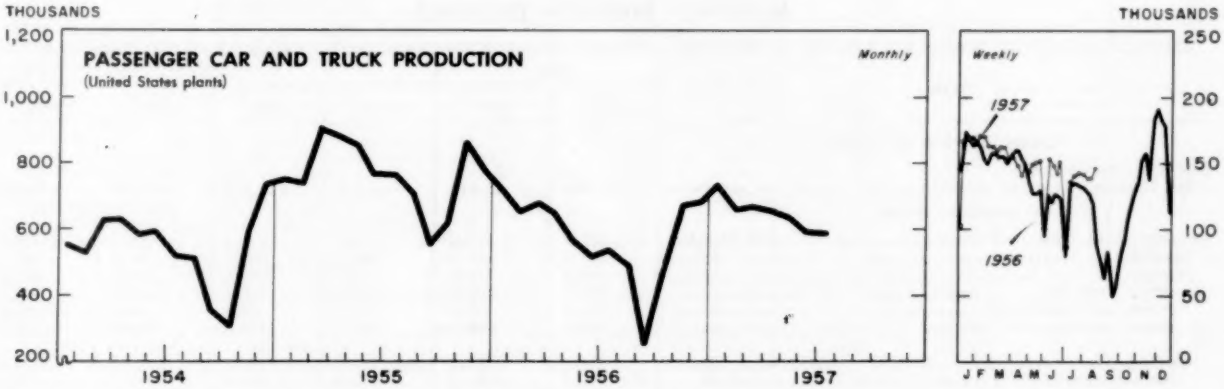

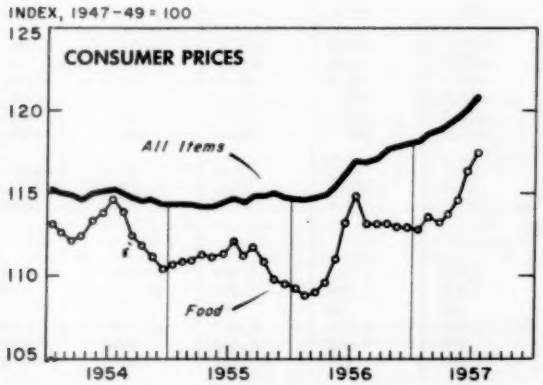

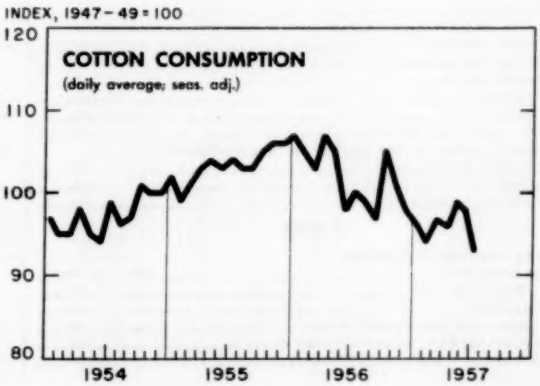

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22 commodities 2/.....do....	90.9	90.9	90.2	90.2	89.7	88.8
Department store sales.....do....	111	120	104	110	115	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,155	1,137	1,287	1,278	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,042	1,032	1,185	1,173	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,681	30,654	30,909	30,983	31,069	31,055
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/....do....	25,254	25,642	24,932	25,124	25,102	25,211
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,593	19,117	18,885	18,868	18,786	18,806
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	579	653	389	480	531	523
Federal Reserve reporting member-banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	54,697	55,007	55,550	55,096	54,683	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,897	21,939	23,583	23,633	23,614	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	86,051	85,857	86,365	85,955	85,834	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	27,199	26,859	25,241	24,821	24,635	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	29,029	29,182	31,738	31,742	31,958	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,716	8,737	8,675	8,665	8,685	.....
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Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.62	3.65	4.31	4.34	4.36	4.38
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Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,626	1,638	1,625	1,603	1,600	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,794	11,340	12,474	12,070	12,409	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	120,027	88,621	140,156	137,143	137,599	144,975
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,122	7,127	6,843	6,797	6,837	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,154	2,359	2,033	2,043	2,062	2,101
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#87.5	#95.8	79.4	79.8	80.6	82.1
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	770	770	741	740	751	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	367	371	342	349	356	.....

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Business incorporations:						
New incorporations (48 States).....number..	11,952	11,513	r12,312	r12,220	r11,269	11,686
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index, all items.....1947-49=100..	116.2	117.0	119.3	119.6	120.2	1/120.8
Apparel.....do....	104.8	105.3	106.5	106.5	106.6	106.5
Food.....do....	113.2	114.8	113.8	114.6	116.2	117.4
Dairy products.....do....	107.7	108.7	110.5	110.0	110.0	110.5
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	131.4	135.2	118.7	122.5	126.8	126.9
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	98.0	99.3	102.0	103.7	106.9	109.5
Housing.....do....	121.4	121.8	125.2	125.3	125.5	125.5
Gas and electricity.....do....	111.7	111.7	112.4	112.3	112.3	112.3
Housefurnishings.....do....	102.8	102.8	105.1	104.2	104.6	104.1
Rent.....do....	132.5	133.2	134.5	134.7	135.0	135.2
Medical care.....do....	132.0	132.7	136.9	137.3	137.9	138.4
Personal care.....do....	119.9	120.1	123.3	123.4	124.2	124.7
Reading and recreation.....do....	107.6	107.7	111.8	111.4	111.8	112.4
Transportation.....do....	126.8	127.7	135.5	135.3	135.3	135.8
Private.....do....	116.7	117.6	125.5	125.4	125.4	125.6
Public.....do....	172.6	172.7	176.8	176.8	176.8	180.2
Other goods and services.....do....	121.8	122.2	124.2	124.3	124.6	126.6
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....do....	87.6	87.7	85.3	85.4	85.2	2/84.7
Consumer prices.....do....	86.1	85.5	83.8	83.6	83.2	2/82.8
Retail food prices.....do....	88.3	87.1	87.9	87.3	86.1	2/85.2
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	12,598	3,927	6,142	7,759	p12,779	3,734
Receipts, net.....do....	11,601	3,485	4,256	5,282	p11,648	3,057
Customs.....do....	57	63	65	64	p58	70
Income and employment taxes.....do....	11,255	2,601	4,799	6,403	p11,364	2,223
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....do....	967	970	1,008	1,146	p964	1,082
All other receipts.....do....	319	292	270	147	p392	358

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Index based on 1935-39=100 is 202.0. 2/ Indexes based on 1935-39=100 are as follows: Measured by-- wholesale prices, 44.3; consumer prices, 49.5; retail food, 42.2.

ITEM	1956		1957			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
FINANCE - Continued						
Federal Government finance - Continued						
Expenditures....mil. of dol..	6,937	5,542	5,987	5,944	p6,190	6,347
Interest on public debt....do....	602	627	604	604	p646	659
All other expenditures....do....	6,334	4,915	5,383	5,340	p5,544	5,688
Securities issued:						
State and municipal issues (Bond Buyer):						
Long-term....thous. of dol..	736,386	378,535	763,411	538,533	r387,502	465,303
Short-term....do....	175,825	194,625	204,961	337,264	r152,644	270,777
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural)....thous. of lb..	46,410	44,480	32,738	38,895	46,982	.....
Acetic anhydride....do....	74,232	73,797	64,305	61,546	67,377	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin)....do....	1,731	1,271	1,570	1,473	1,223	.....
Creosote oil....thous. of gal..	11,363	1/5,368	10,414	11,052	9,603	.....
DDT....thous. of lb..	12,100	11,927	11,766	12,880	11,023	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%)....do....	5,398	6,736	7,420	6,061	8,151	.....
Ethylene glycol....do....	85,686	72,263	97,156	98,873	98,789	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO)....do....	112,656	86,139	105,163	104,614	102,705	.....
Methanol:						
Natural (100%)....thous. of gal..	194	200	193	201	187	.....
Synthetic (100%)....do....	19,386	19,054	16,647	16,329	14,108	.....
Phthalic anhydride....thous. of lb..	22,919	24,965	30,226	31,444	30,519	.....
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes....thous. of lb..	4,055	2,355	3,823	3,658	4,094	.....
Molding and extrusion materials....do....	7,254	5,872	7,168	7,672	7,794	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes....do....	487	344	357	412	270	.....
Other cellulose plastics....do....	407	370	528	466	468	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins....do....	40,607	31,207	35,442	39,251	36,315	.....
Polystyrene....do....	44,023	41,277	48,871	48,598	43,342	.....
Urea and melamine resins....do....	25,083	15,901	24,217	23,971	21,936	.....
Vinyl resins....do....	54,796	49,751	67,640	71,363	67,280	.....
Alkyd resins....do....	29,643	25,730	32,382	34,715	32,120	.....
Rosin modifications....do....	10,544	8,729	10,508	11,749	11,000	.....
Polyester resins....do....	6,212	5,641	8,961	8,525	8,178	.....
Polyethylene resins....do....	45,634	45,998	51,793	56,170	56,074	.....
Miscellaneous....do....	13,170	11,740	15,711	15,118	14,814	.....
ELECTRIC POWER						
Sales to ultimate customers, total (Edison Electric Institute)....mil. of kw.-hr..	*r43,179	**r42,840	45,671	45,353	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial:						
Small light and power....do....	*6,776	**6,785	7,324	7,440	.....	.....
Large light and power....do....	*r22,731	**r23,171	23,679	23,996	.....	.....
Railways and railroads....do....	*380	**359	361	235	.....	.....
Residential or domestic....do....	*11,038	**10,361	11,970	11,310	.....	.....
Rural (district rural rates)....do....	*955	**876	922	903	.....	.....
Street and highway lighting....do....	*362	**341	393	370	.....	.....
Other public authorities....do....	*888	**899	969	949	.....	.....
Interdepartmental....do....	*49	**48	53	51	.....	.....
Revenue from sales to ultimate customers (Edison Electric Institute)....thous. of dol..	*r702,697	**r695,515	751,690	746,672	.....	.....
FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO						
Corn grindings, wet process....thous. of bu..	11,099	11,391	11,133	12,023	11,473	11,661
Rice, California:						
Receipts, domestic, rough....thous. of lb..	35,037	68,841	123,311	98,507	87,304	62,147
Shipments from mills, milled rice....do....	38,186	31,314	81,696	76,095	52,665	39,704
Stocks, rough and cleaned (cleaned basis), end of month....do....	65,541	72,683	51,580	39,423	44,158	42,424
Meats:						
Production, total....mil. of lb..	1,865.5	1,853.0	1,866.0	1,963.0	1,721.3	1,850.9
Beef and veal....do....	1,001.8	1,020.8	906.1	999.1	904.7	1,019.8
Lamb and mutton....do....	46.2	50.6	50.6	52.6	46.7	53.4
Pork, including lard....do....	817.5	781.6	909.2	911.3	770.0	777.7
Lard....do....	159.1	149.6	182.1	186.3	154.2	146.0
Tobacco, manufactured products:						
Production, total....thous. of lb..	15,457	12,467	14,927	15,773	15,104	.....
Chewing, plug, and twist....do....	6,787	5,567	6,058	6,522	6,133	.....
Smoking....do....	5,415	4,770	5,763	6,088	5,683	.....
Snuff....do....	3,254	2,131	3,107	3,163	3,288	.....
Consumption (withdrawals):						
Cigarettes, small:						
Tax-free....millions..	2,941	2,497	2,721	2,482	3,297	.....
Tax-paid....do....	34,303	31,032	32,059	38,151	34,189	.....
Cigars, tax-paid....thousands..	477,276	428,309	470,129	565,237	449,722	.....
Manufactured tobacco and snuff, tax-paid....thous. of lb..	14,969	12,321	14,493	15,444	14,506	.....
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and whole kip....thous. of skins..	644	496	744	800	732	.....
Cattle hide and side kip....thous. of hides and kips..	2,093	1,733	2,114	2,162	2,124	.....
Goat and kid....thous. of skins..	2,068	1,836	1,959	2,005	1,814	.....
Sheep and lamb....do....	2,222	1,836	2,369	2,453	2,148	.....

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Pig iron, production.....thous. of short tons..	6,435	1,107	6,871	6,945	6,660	6,692
Aluminum shipments:						
Castings.....mil. of lb..	57.7	52.4	68.3	65.1	58.5	.....
Machine tools (metal-cutting):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	61.85	61.90	51.30	41.40	r43.10	p55.85
Domestic.....do....	55.65	55.25	45.70	37.95	r40.05	p50.80
Shipments, total.....do....	76.25	65.15	87.80	78.50	r82.95	p58.50
Domestic.....do....	69.55	60.70	77.65	70.90	r72.85	p51.30
Estimated backlog.....months..	7.8	7.8	5.0	4.6	4.2	p4.2
PAPER AND PRINTING						
Newsprint, Canada (including Newfoundland):						
Production.....thous. of short tons..	536.4	532.5	554.8	573.0	532.0	549.2
Shipments from mills.....do....	544.5	543.1	538.4	574.3	548.5	578.8
Stocks, at mills, end of month.....do....	132.9	122.2	217.3	216.0	199.6	169.9
Newsprint, United States:						
Consumption by publishers.....do....	422.4	388.8	442.3	466.0	433.9	373.5
Production.....do....	141.9	138.5	162.4	171.2	159.1	144.4
Shipments from mills.....do....	144.4	137.3	162.6	172.5	156.8	143.1
Stocks, end of month:						
At mills.....do....	6.4	7.7	11.0	9.6	11.9	13.2
At publishers.....do....	376.1	449.8	592.6	589.7	585.6	653.4
In transit to publishers.....do....	112.2	102.5	100.9	96.5	101.8	101.5
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS						
Glass containers:						
Production.....thous. of gross..	12,567	12,158	11,695	12,505	12,747	12,565
Shipments.....do....	11,988	11,192	11,021	12,611	12,081	12,194
Stocks, end of month.....do....	16,130	16,810	17,793	17,439	17,860	17,955
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton: 1/						
Consumption.....bales..	809,814	547,480	807,979	672,756	649,700	637,345
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....thousands..	20,454	20,557	19,929	19,781	19,740	19,754
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	18,918	19,019	18,365	18,246	18,174	18,067
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total...mil. of hr..	11,457	7,716	11,281	9,223	9,088	9,361
Average per working day.....do....	458	386	451	461	454	374
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	10,662	7,131	10,461	8,533	8,396	8,481
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:						
Freight cars:						
Shipments, total.....number..	5,607	5,370	8,961	8,902	8,568	7,872
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	3,318	3,143	5,198	5,202	4,820	4,811
Domestic.....do....	3,261	3,117	5,198	5,124	4,629	4,664
Railroad shops, domestic.....do....	2,289	2,227	3,763	3,700	3,748	3,061
Passenger cars, equipment manufacturers:						
Orders unfilled, end of month, total.....do....	758	729	825	789	738	721
Domestic.....do....	737	715	732	727	722	717
Shipments, total.....do....	40	29	11	41	65	27
Domestic.....do....	36	22	7	6	17	15

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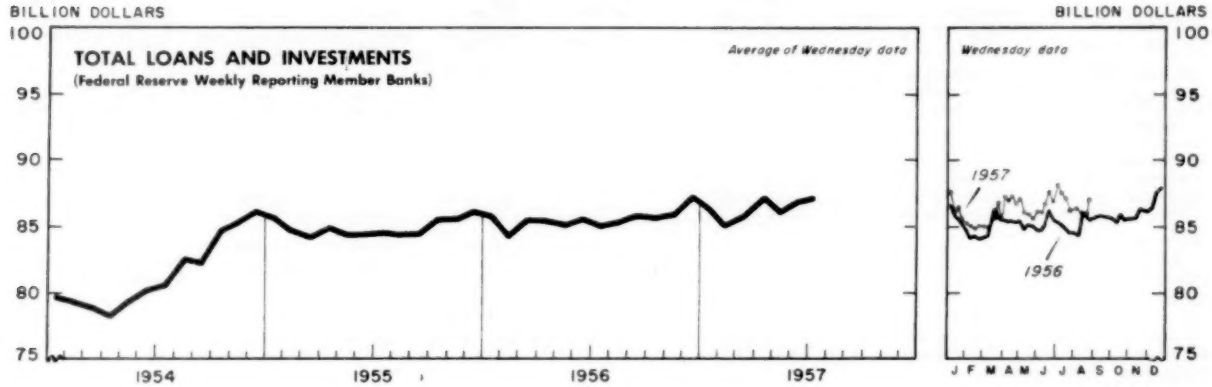

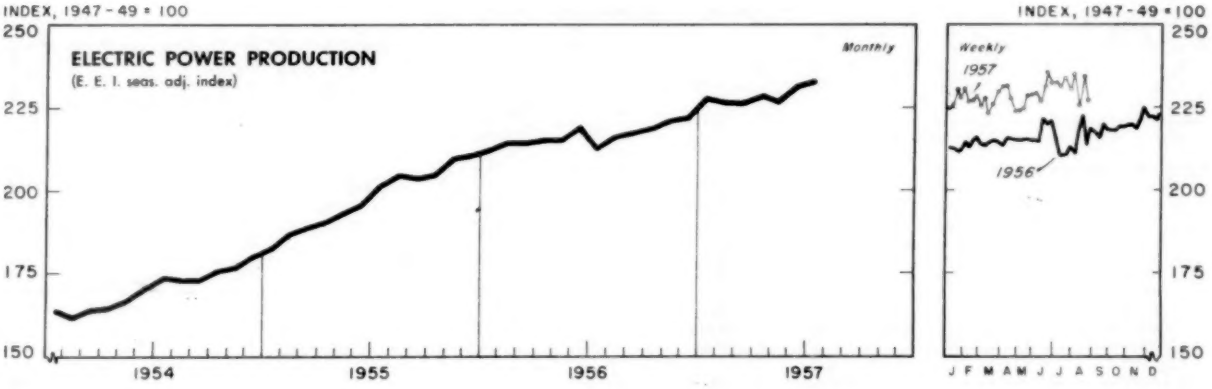

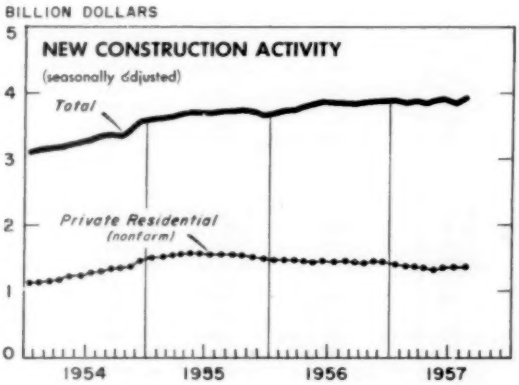

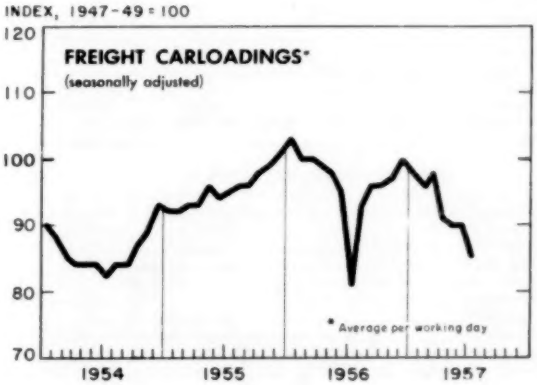

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Aug. 25	Sept. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 24	Aug. 31
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.7	118.1	118.1	118.0	118.0
Farm products.....do....	.....	*89.1	93.1	93.0	92.1	92.6
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.6	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.7
All other.....do....	.....	*122.5	125.6	125.6	125.7	125.6
22 commodities 2/.....do....	90.9	90.4	90.2	89.7	88.8	88.4
Department store sales.....do....	120	128	110	115	121	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,137	1,081	1,272	1,240	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,030	980	1,173	1,140	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,654	30,618	30,983	31,069	31,055	30,998
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,642	25,404	25,124	25,102	25,211	25,133
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,117	18,883	18,868	18,786	18,806	18,831
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	653	508	480	531	523	412
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,007	55,381	55,096	54,683	54,482	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,939	21,974	23,633	23,614	23,610	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,857	85,541	85,955	85,868	86,973	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,859	26,576	24,821	24,646	25,303	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	29,182	29,168	31,742	31,965	32,217	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,737	8,738	8,665	8,685	8,682	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	215	237	265	222	260	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.65	3.68	4.34	4.36	4.38	4.41
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	47.42	47.36	47.03	45.73	45.49	44.64
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	50.68	50.67	50.82	49.38	49.10	48.20
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,638	1,644	1,603	1,600	1,647	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,340	11,565	12,070	12,409	12,023	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	88,320	76,871	137,143	137,599	143,621	138,367
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,127	7,128	6,797	6,837	6,789	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,359	2,389	2,043	2,062	2,101	2,103
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#95.8	#97.0	79.8	80.6	82.1	82.2
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	770	784	740	751	759	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	371	386	349	356	367	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning September 2, 1957: Production, 2,116 thous. short tons; operating rate, 82.7 percent. * Monthly index for August 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	243	236	243	244	247	248
Crops.....do....	255	233	244	241	239	233
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	263	204	315	283	288	248
Cotton.....do....	274	263	266	270	273	278
Feed grains and hay.....do....	194	197	179	173	170	169
Food grains.....do....	216	218	225	218	218	217
Fruit.....do....	221	203	228	246	219	200
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	250	249	263	260	261	252
Potatoes 1/.....do....	387	212	156	152	167	172
Tobacco.....do....	453	451	457	457	460	469
Livestock and products.....do....	231	238	241	245	254	260
Dairy products.....do....	251	257	248	247	252	260
Meat animals.....do....	246	257	278	287	297	301
Poultry and eggs.....do....	174	171	144	145	155	167
Wool.....do....	233	234	310	317	312	305
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	266	267	273	273	273	273
Family living items.....do....	282	281	286	287	287	287
Production items.....do....	248	250	259	257	257	257
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates..do....	287	r287	296	296	295	295
Parity ratio.....do....	85	82	82	82	84	84
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	4,420	4,474	4,033	4,347	r4,395	4,591
Private, total.....do....	3,107	3,122	2,808	3,004	r3,039	3,101
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,674	1,672	1,410	1,526	1,556	1,553
New dwelling units.....do....	1,260	1,260	1,000	1,085	1,125	1,135
Additions and alterations.....do....	371	371	373	401	391	374
Nonresidential building, total 2/.....do....	788	786	747	786	774	805
Industrial.....do....	271	277	270	270	262	266
Commercial.....do....	332	316	287	309	307	319
Farm construction.....do....	165	169	140	156	166	171
Public utility.....do....	468	483	493	517	r526	553

r/ Revised. 1/ Includes sweetpotatoes and dry edible beans. 2/ Except farm and public utility.

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE - Continued						
New construction (unadjusted) - Continued						
Public, total.....mil. of dol..	1,313	1,352	1,225	1,343	1,356	1,490
Nonresidential building.....do....	378	390	389	405	394	418
Military facilities.....do....	136	143	100	110	117	125
Highway.....do....	518	530	455	535	545	620
Other types.....do....	281	289	281	293	300	327
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,873	3,861	3,911	3,930	r3,857	3,958
Private, total.....do....	2,788	2,780	2,750	2,768	r2,732	2,768
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,464	1,466	1,335	1,354	1,357	1,361
Nonresidential building, total 1/.....do....	755	746	783	779	747	767
Farm construction.....do....	130	130	127	130	131	132
Public utility.....do....	429	427	488	488	r483	491
Public, total.....do....	1,085	1,081	1,161	1,162	1,125	1,190
Nonresidential building.....do....	343	349	378	379	361	377
Highway.....do....	375	360	410	418	395	422
Construction contracts awarded, 48 States (F. W. Dodge Corp.):						
Total valuation.....mil. of dol..	3,013	2,953	3,400	3,243	2,901	.....
Building, total.....do....	2,218	.....	2,417	2,341	2,248	.....
Construction cost indexes:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	133	133	136	137	138	.....
E. H. Boeckh and Associates:						
Average, 20 cities:						
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	279.6	280.2	286.3	288.3	290.5	.....
Brick and steel.....do....	275.3	275.9	280.7	282.7	284.7	.....
Brick and wood.....do....	276.7	277.2	280.3	281.7	283.1	.....
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do....	287.8	288.2	295.9	297.8	300.1	.....
Brick and steel.....do....	286.7	287.3	294.4	296.4	300.2	.....
Brick and wood.....do....	275.2	275.9	280.2	281.6	283.3	.....
Frame.....do....	276.0	276.2	277.4	278.7	280.0	.....
Steel.....do....	272.8	273.2	280.4	282.6	287.9	.....
Residences:						
Brick.....do....	277.2	277.8	280.8	282.2	283.5	.....
Frame.....do....	270.6	271.0	272.6	273.9	275.1	.....
	June	July	April	May	June	July
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	39,454	39,478	41,015	41,707	42,245	42,365
Installment credit, total.....do....	30,084	30,297	31,532	31,901	32,344	32,699
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,390	3,316	3,558	3,709	3,638	3,797
Repaid, total.....do....	3,069	3,103	3,299	3,340	3,195	3,442
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,049	3,293	3,505	3,485	3,412	3,539
Repaid, total.....do....	3,006	3,158	3,301	3,274	3,251	3,350
Life insurance written (new paid-for insurance):						
Value, estimated total.....do....	4,402	4,307	5,907	6,224	5,545	5,281
Group and wholesale.....do....	918	935	1,510	1,680	1,365	1,090
Industrial.....do....	558	521	569	574	521	492
Ordinary.....do....	2,926	2,851	3,828	3,970	3,659	3,699
Security markets, sales:						
Bonds:						
Total on all registered exchanges:						
Market value.....thous. of dol..	81,717	82,802	105,432	91,949	98,622	94,431
Face value.....do....	84,454	83,150	104,640	96,698	103,748	101,398
On New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value.....do....	80,522	81,261	104,304	90,490	97,613	93,186
Face value.....do....	83,100	81,480	103,350	94,864	102,590	99,907
Stocks:						
Total on all registered exchanges:						
Market value.....mil. of dol..	2,519	2,883	2,681	3,296	2,987	3,091
Shares sold.....thousands..	87,930	101,691	108,533	112,428	107,489	98,574
On New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value.....mil. of dol..	2,140	2,434	2,267	2,818	2,543	2,620
Shares sold.....thousands..	60,213	68,752	73,000	72,669	72,584	65,617
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	52,823	54,891	57,716	r59,863	59,655	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	19,083	18,069	20,390	r23,609	22,396	.....
Mail, ton-miles flown.....do....	7,179	6,810	r8,125	r8,356	7,628	.....
Passengers originated, revenue.....do....	3,536	3,097	r3,370	3,433	3,707	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	2,085	1,878	2,008	2,016	2,333	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Dairy products, production:						
Butter, creamery (factory).....thous. of lb..	148,155	128,155	132,870	158,305	149,040	128,705
Cheese (factory), total.....do....	158,420	134,090	131,460	161,775	160,485	137,945
Coffee, visible supply, United States.....thous. of bags..	872	981	1,034	989	954	954

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Iron ore (Lake Superior district -- U.S. and Canadian ores):						
Consumption by furnaces.....thous. of long tons..	7,194	a/6,858	7,158	7,375	6,931	7,157
Stocks, end of month, total.....do....	30,835	.....	17,167	22,712	29,570	37,148
At furnaces.....do....	27,468	.....	15,170	20,266	26,823	33,975
On Lake Erie docks.....do....	3,367	.....	1,996	2,446	2,747	3,173
Castings, gray iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....thous. of short tons..	1,041	1,109	899	880	853	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	1,152	763	1,120	1,112	r1,058	.....
For sale.....do....	687	488	611	625	599	.....
Castings, malleable iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....short tons..	86,247	92,078	83,116	79,787	76,331	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	75,635	54,340	80,271	76,504	r72,556	.....
For sale.....do....	45,022	31,300	51,320	46,277	44,639	.....
Castings, steel:						
Shipments, total.....do....	164,661	117,984	162,498	164,575	r153,647	.....
For sale, total.....do....	129,147	96,350	124,549	125,431	119,353	.....
Railway specialties.....do....	31,296	19,833	29,708	32,840	31,338	.....
Steel forgings (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, total.....thous. of short tons..	539.6	546.9	496.9	479.2	445.1	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	143.4	98.5	139.0	135.3	128.5	.....
Drop and upset.....do....	103.4	76.2	103.4	100.8	92.9	.....
Barrels and drums, steel, heavy types (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....thousands..	2,502	2,536	2,326	2,285	2,351	.....
Shipments.....do....	2,659	2,379	2,160	2,207	2,124	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	65	57	78	77	71	.....
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....number..	66,498	57,752	46,782	46,081	54,445	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	75,128	74,320	65,070	73,106	73,228	.....
Stoves and ranges, domestic cooking, excluding electrical:						
Shipments, total.....number..	179,899	155,725	164,877	152,657	146,449	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	4,154	4,065	4,716	4,669	4,757	.....
Gas (including bungalow and combination).....do....	169,539	146,845	153,207	140,339	136,036	.....
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total.....do....	206,637	280,617	103,585	143,356	161,039	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	24,269	32,832	14,232	17,406	22,674	.....
Gas.....do....	132,474	183,315	55,323	78,250	106,441	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do....	104,167	111,614	74,084	73,906	84,651	.....
Gas.....do....	70,204	71,962	50,125	50,208	56,579	.....
Oil.....do....	30,434	34,770	21,793	21,946	25,527	.....
Solid fuel.....do....	3,529	4,882	2,166	1,752	2,545	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do....	236,758	226,532	232,705	228,198	205,838	.....
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	248.3	259.8	281.6	231.2	207.3	218.3
Washers, domestic, sales billed 1/.....do....	340.2	380.2	230.7	254.2	282.3	335.1
Radio sets, production 2/.....do....	1,073.8	566.7	1,115.8	1,023.8	1,088.3	r612.6
Television sets (incl. combination), production 2/.....do....	553.0	336.9	361.2	342.4	543.8	r360.7
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	43,568	38,287	45,368	46,511	r41,282	39,683
Stocks, end of month.....do....	101,748	103,301	102,796	98,717	r90,694	98,812
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do....	85,296	88,031	82,340	95,014	84,413	80,951
Consumption.....do....	67,626	58,046	76,355	80,242	r70,456	69,977
Stocks, end of month.....do....	171,196	188,813	173,611	173,441	r173,170	164,544

r/ Revised. a/ Data for July and August. 1/ Figures beginning April 1957 exclude sales of combination washer-dryer units (included in earlier data); sales of such types totaled 101,000 units in the first seven months of 1957. 2/ Figures for June 1956 and June 1957 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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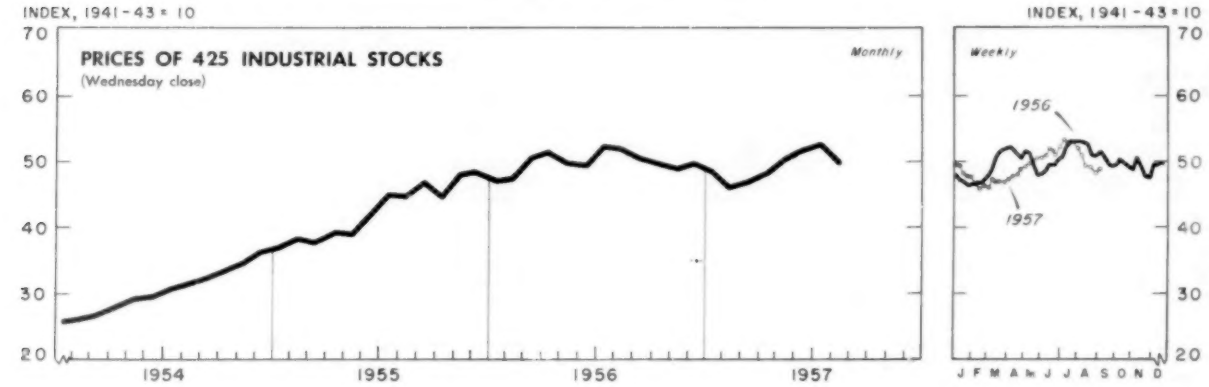

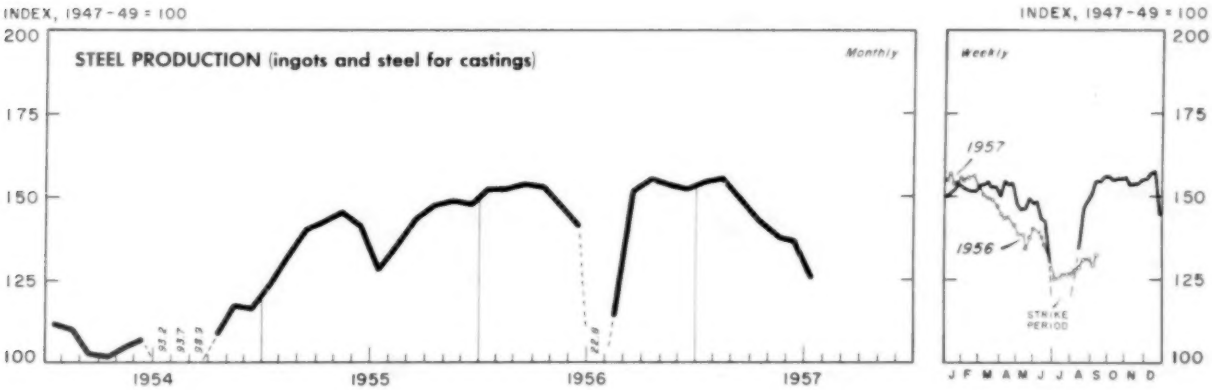

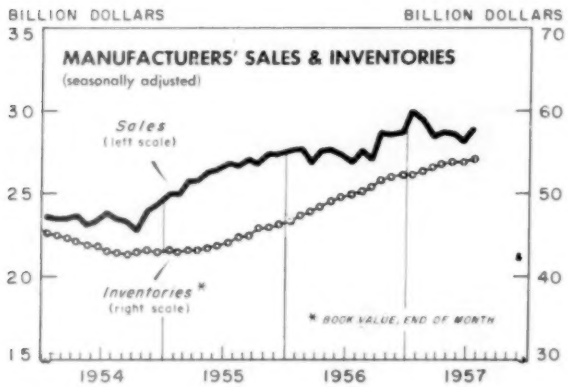

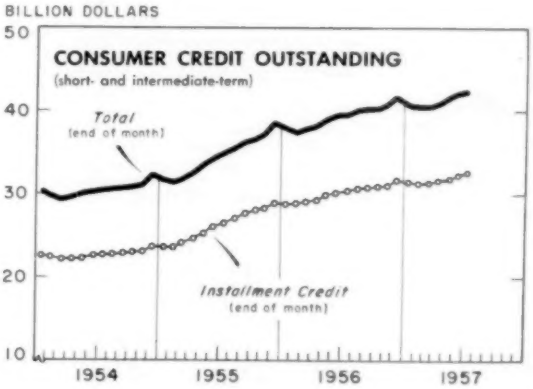

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Aug. 17	Aug. 24	Aug. 31	Sept. 7
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.7	118.1	118.0	118.0	118.1
Farm products.....do....	.....	*89.1	93.0	92.1	92.6	93.0
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.6	106.8	106.8	106.7	107.3
All other.....do....	.....	*122.5	125.6	125.7	125.6	125.6
22 commodities 2/.....do....	90.4	90.5	89.7	88.8	88.4	88.3
Department store sales.....do....	128	112	114	121	135	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,081	1,160	1,237	1,218	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	980	1,058	1,140	1,120	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,618	30,786	31,069	31,055	30,998	31,145
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,404	25,454	25,102	25,211	25,133	25,228
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,883	18,800	18,786	18,806	18,831	18,760
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	508	443	531	523	461	455
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,381	54,920	54,683	54,482	54,974	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,974	21,946	23,614	23,610	23,614	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,541	85,684	85,868	86,973	86,489	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,576	26,501	24,646	25,303	24,941	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	29,168	29,355	31,965	32,217	32,009	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,738	8,747	8,685	8,682	8,697	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	237	196	222	260	262	208
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.68	3.71	4.36	4.38	4.41	4.42
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	47.36	48.02	45.73	45.49	44.64	45.05
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	50.67	51.46	49.38	49.10	48.20	48.69
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,644	1,739	1,600	1,658	1,665	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,565	10,955	12,409	12,023	12,147	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	76,871	62,482	137,599	143,621	139,378	107,713
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,108	7,037	6,837	6,789	6,766	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,389	2,429	2,062	2,101	2,103	2,073
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#97.0	#98.7	80.6	82.1	82.2	81.0
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	784	680	751	759	745	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	386	330	356	367	357	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning September 9, 1957: Production, 2,126 thous. short tons; operating rate, 83.1 percent. * Monthly index for August 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	28,180	24,339	29,010	29,116	r28,278	26,716
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,406	11,432	14,768	14,833	r14,590	13,191
Primary metal.....do....	2,614	1,075	2,481	2,425	r2,484	2,008
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,561	1,302	1,642	1,585	r1,552	1,452
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,181	3,592	4,355	4,425	r4,459	3,918
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	2,974	2,715	3,489	3,496	r3,187	3,201
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,154	1,028	995	975	r1,027	844
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	779	705	728	799	r763	708
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,774	12,907	14,242	14,283	r13,688	13,525
Food and beverage.....do....	4,238	4,038	4,196	4,394	r4,291	4,264
Tobacco.....do....	335	354	347	387	r382	385
Textile.....do....	1,156	952	1,030	1,031	r1,022	943
Paper.....do....	911	818	928	916	r886	866
Chemical.....do....	1,872	1,716	2,005	2,100	r1,886	1,801
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,629	2,543	2,907	2,900	r2,780	2,835
Rubber.....do....	497	464	500	486	r481	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	27,354	26,825	28,679	28,617	r28,142	28,917
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,587	13,021	14,254	14,296	r14,207	14,642
Primary metal.....do....	2,311	1,431	2,357	2,263	r2,289	2,473
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,550	1,438	1,625	1,562	r1,492	1,596
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,939	4,146	4,242	4,354	r4,259	4,489
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	2,852	2,910	3,240	3,276	r3,241	3,261
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,111	1,184	989	978	r1,076	934
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	729	746	707	747	r741	722
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,767	13,804	14,425	14,321	r13,935	14,275
Food and beverage.....do....	4,107	4,080	4,322	4,340	r4,183	4,266
Tobacco.....do....	321	351	358	352	r382	363
Textile.....do....	1,157	1,151	1,073	1,079	r1,063	1,094
Paper.....do....	894	899	919	907	r877	931
Chemical.....do....	1,861	1,887	1,894	1,996	r1,894	2,001
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,634	2,646	3,028	2,959	r2,780	2,953
Rubber.....do....	472	468	490	481	r458	.....

r/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	50,071	49,850	53,827	53,985	r54,043	53,780
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	29,297	28,902	31,778	31,873	r31,749	31,457
Primary metal.....do....	3,455	3,490	3,962	4,053	r4,043	4,162
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,145	2,986	3,286	3,272	r3,292	3,231
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,108	9,981	10,662	10,811	r10,760	10,608
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).do....	7,126	7,007	8,124	7,969	r7,899	7,802
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,898	1,895	1,922	1,904	1,877	1,875
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,140	1,142	1,257	1,265	r1,267	1,248
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.4	r8.5	8.5
Goods in process.....do....	12.1	11.9	13.6	13.5	13.3	13.2
Finished goods.....do....	8.8	8.6	9.8	10.0	r9.9	9.8
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	20,774	20,948	22,049	22,112	r22,294	22,323
Food and beverage.....do....	4,436	4,564	4,622	4,504	r4,524	4,562
Tobacco.....do....	1,809	1,762	2,075	2,027	r1,981	1,941
Textile.....do....	2,630	2,610	2,698	2,720	r2,691	2,687
Paper.....do....	1,253	1,289	1,453	1,453	r1,442	1,428
Chemical.....do....	3,434	3,457	3,750	3,716	r3,744	3,727
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,003	3,126	3,202	3,346	r3,451	3,562
Rubber.....do....	1,040	994	1,062	1,065	r1,058	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.1	8.1	8.8	8.7	r8.7	8.7
Goods in process.....do....	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Finished goods.....do....	9.7	9.9	10.3	10.4	r10.6	10.6
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	49,625	50,037	53,663	53,909	r53,853	54,105
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	28,760	29,004	31,462	31,566	r31,438	31,703
Primary metal.....do....	3,551	3,529	4,114	4,192	r4,207	4,234
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,939	2,899	3,222	3,146	r3,077	3,137
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	9,838	9,978	10,509	10,624	r10,601	10,646
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).do....	7,082	7,186	8,016	7,975	r7,919	8,058
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,866	1,882	1,890	1,865	1,845	1,862
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,129	1,142	1,209	1,240	r1,254	1,248
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.1	8.2	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.4
Goods in process.....do....	12.0	12.1	13.4	13.4	r13.3	13.4
Finished goods.....do....	8.7	8.7	9.4	9.6	r9.7	9.9
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	20,865	21,033	22,201	22,343	r22,415	22,402
Food and beverage.....do....	4,753	4,731	4,876	4,869	r4,882	4,734
Tobacco.....do....	1,884	1,855	2,054	2,047	r2,064	2,043
Textile.....do....	2,554	2,575	2,628	2,625	r2,612	2,650
Paper.....do....	1,253	1,289	1,439	1,453	r1,442	1,428
Chemical.....do....	3,384	3,468	3,730	3,729	r3,692	3,739
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,033	3,095	3,267	3,380	r3,486	3,527
Rubber.....do....	1,010	1,014	1,031	1,024	r1,027	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.3	8.3	8.7	8.9	9.0	9.0
Goods in process.....do....	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0
Finished goods.....do....	9.6	9.8	10.6	10.5	r10.5	10.5
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	29,048	26,136	27,673	28,328	r27,538	25,729
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	15,214	13,155	13,349	13,949	r13,716	12,248
Primary metal.....do....	2,247	1,903	2,103	2,251	r2,217	1,902
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,462	1,348	1,500	1,638	r1,427	1,436
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,723	4,072	4,091	4,136	r4,512	3,778
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,706	2,943	2,936	3,181	r2,609	2,438
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,834	12,981	14,324	14,379	r13,822	13,481
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	27,734	27,700	27,940	28,433	r27,055	27,119
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,093	14,087	13,234	14,115	r13,249	13,069
Primary metal.....do....	2,335	2,193	2,197	2,136	r2,306	2,197
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,523	1,390	1,500	1,689	r1,486	1,480
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,305	4,289	3,850	4,321	r4,103	3,972
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,000	3,237	2,968	3,198	r2,544	2,643
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,641	13,613	14,706	14,318	r13,806	14,050
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	60,583	62,380	61,857	61,069	r60,329	59,342
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	57,334	59,057	58,922	58,038	r57,164	56,221
Primary metal.....do....	6,239	7,067	6,771	6,597	r6,330	6,224
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,566	4,612	4,355	4,408	r4,283	4,267
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	19,257	19,737	19,931	19,642	r19,695	19,555
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	22,040	22,268	22,953	22,638	r22,060	21,297
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,249	3,323	2,935	3,031	r3,165	3,121
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores:						
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....mil. of dol..	23,510	23,300	24,510	24,440	23,840	23,700
Durable-goods stores.....do....	10,860	10,650	11,220	11,170	10,970	10,920
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,650	12,650	13,290	13,270	12,870	12,780
Adjusted, total.....do....	23,830	23,800	23,670	23,950	24,090	24,140
Durable-goods stores.....do....	10,750	10,650	10,590	10,740	10,800	10,850
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	13,080	13,150	13,080	13,210	13,290	13,290
Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:						
Unadjusted.....do....	3,434	2,994	3,412	3,551	3,456	3,267
Adjusted.....do....	3,332	3,373	3,427	3,493	3,509	3,582

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	June	July	April	May	June	July
DOMESTIC TRADE - Continued						
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	11,260	10,750	11,250	11,640	10,990	11,400
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	4,590	4,220	4,310	4,450	4,240	4,270
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,670	6,530	6,940	7,190	6,750	7,130
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	11,970	12,110	12,800	12,610	12,490	12,510
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	6,300	6,210	6,700	6,670	6,670	6,630
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	5,670	5,900	6,100	5,940	5,820	5,880
EMPLOYMENT						
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	4.2	3.3	2.8	3.0	r3.9	p3.2
Separation rate, total.....do....	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.4	r3.0	p3.2
Discharge.....do....	.3	.2	.2	.3	.2	p.2
Lay-off.....do....	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.1	p1.4
Quit.....do....	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.3	p1.4
Military and miscellaneous.....do....	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	p.2
ELECTRIC POWER						
Electric power, production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	56,490	55,229	57,702	58,909	58,990	61,191
Electric utilities.....do....	49,451	49,451	50,669	51,699	52,053	54,348
Industrial establishments.....do....	7,039	5,778	7,033	7,210	6,937	6,843
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Cans, metal, shipments, total.....short tons..	405,083	448,529	506,425	338,575	r360,530	452,994
Food.....do....	224,299	266,336	335,566	175,847	r203,957	271,056
Nonfood.....do....	180,784	182,193	170,859	162,728	156,573	181,938
Shipments for sale.....do....	345,430	396,151	446,336	280,919	r308,197	404,235
Steel products, net shipments:						
Total (all grades).....thous. of short tons..	8,078	1,289	7,350	6,972	7,285	5,877
Semifinished products.....do....	417	1/291	358	403	491	273
Structural shapes (heavy), steel piling.....do....	538	1/472	631	659	630	634
Plates.....do....	754	1/631	876	918	870	792
Rails and accessories.....do....	203	1/152	232	242	226	192
Bars and tool steel, total.....do....	1,288	1/1,052	1,030	1,005	1,046	752
Bars:						
Hot rolled (incl. light shapes).....do....	826	1/645	687	692	689	489
Reinforcing.....do....	275	1/238	216	188	233	172
Cold finished.....do....	174	1/152	118	114	116	84
Pipe and tubing.....do....	1,000	1/857	974	1,020	998	859
Wire and wire products.....do....	457	1/339	304	327	388	218
Tin mill products (incl. black plate).....do....	625	1/544	875	350	391	460
Sheets and strip (incl. electrical), total.....do....	2,796	1/2,492	2,070	2,049	2,244	1,698
Sheets: Hot rolled.....do....	816	1/709	680	656	716	531
Cold rolled (incl. enameling).....do....	1,277	1/1,100	907	895	984	791
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number..	538,052	522,018	647,414	639,886	591,039	r579,951
Coaches, total.....do....	503	307	506	462	389	r309
Domestic.....do....	471	220	410	309	332	302
Passenger cars, total.....do....	445,758	440,980	541,733	537,112	496,329	r484,718
Domestic.....do....	433,859	429,813	526,310	522,759	484,840	474,635
Trucks, total.....do....	91,791	80,731	105,175	102,312	94,321	r94,924
Domestic.....do....	73,463	63,044	84,410	82,930	76,859	76,856

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